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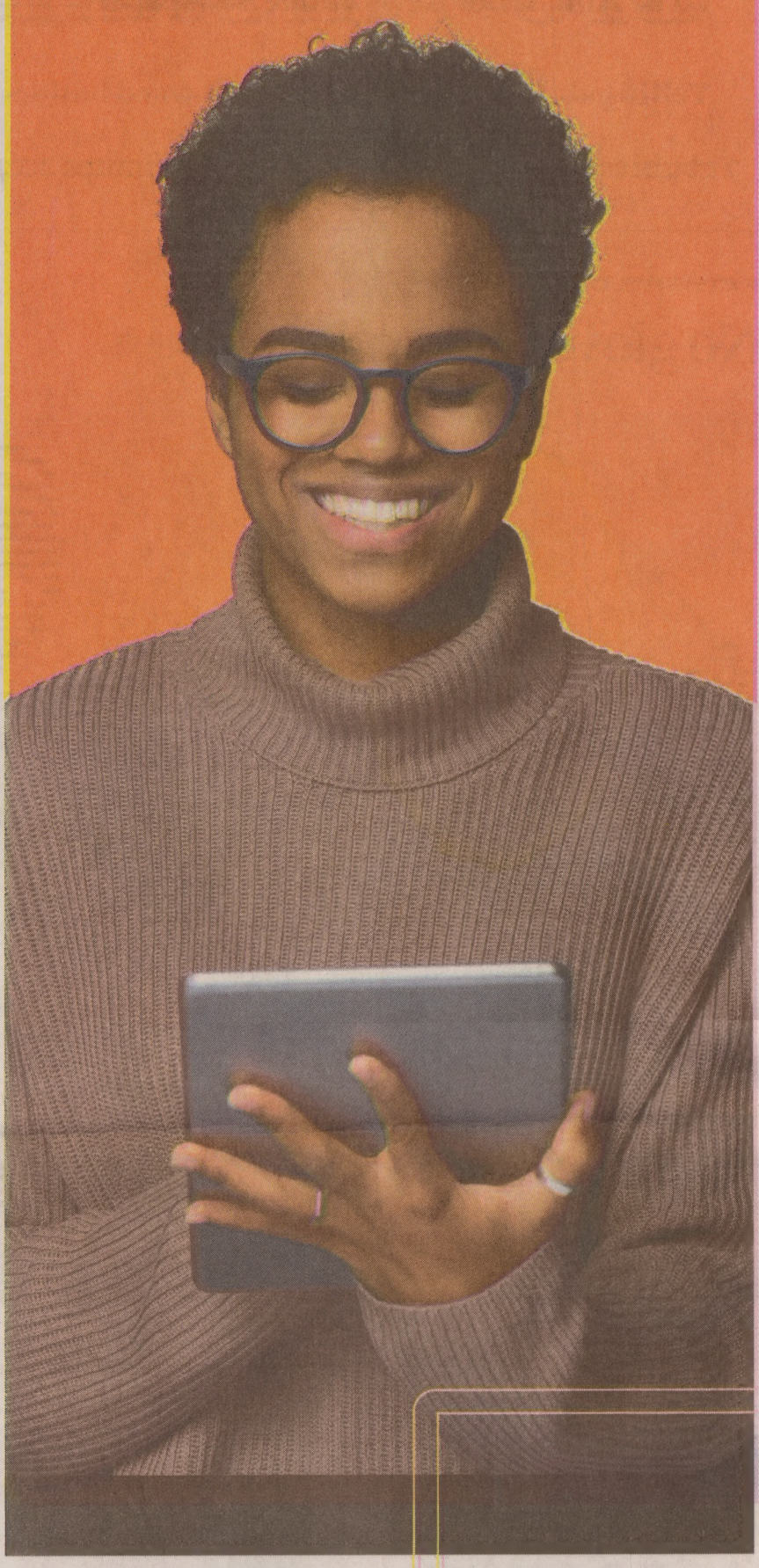

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Vintage base ball players Chris "Schoolboy" Fusciardi and his son, Logan "Danger Zone" Fusciardi, pose for a portrait at Ramona Park in Portage on May 17. They are members of the Continental Base Ball Club of Kalamazoo. *Rodney Coleman-Robinson, MLive.com*

Michigan vintage base ball brings fathers, sons together to play 1860s ball

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Logan Fusciardi was 8 when his father started a vintage base ball team in Kalamazoo.

By the time he was 15, Fusciardi — known on the field as "Danger Zone" — had become a full-fledged member of the Continental Base Ball Club of Kalamazoo.

For Logan, sharing the field with his father is more than just a way to spend time together. It's a chance to be a part of something unique.

"You get to know everybody. There's always bantering. You get to first base and there's a guy there who is messing with you who you've never met before. ... A year later, you recognize them and you just chat and it's fun. I like that aspect of it."

Vintage base ball mimics how baseball was played in its infancy in the 1860s — from the rules and uniforms, to the funny nicknames, down to the two-word spelling of "base ball."

"We'll get out there and we'll play hard, but we're going to play it in a way that they would have played in the early 1860s, which would have been gentlemanly, congratulating good play on both sides," said Logan's dad, Chris Fusciardi.

Playing how the game was played in the early 1860s also means pitching underhand and catching balls without a mitt.

Of course, if you are playing by pre-1867 rules, it's also an out if you catch the ball off one hop, which is a little easier on the hands. Runners don't have to tag up if it's off a hop, though; only if it's caught in the air.

FOLLOW ALONG

Confused yet? There's more.

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SEVERE WEATHER

State's deadliest tornado touched down 70 years ago

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Mrs. Clarence Young and son, Paul, search for their belongings at 1250 W. Kurtz on June 10, 1953. *MLive-Flint Journal file photos*

BEECHER — Seventy years has passed and the tornado that struck the Beecher District near Flint still stands as the deadliest in Michigan's history.

The F-5 tornado touched down just north of Flint on the evening of June 8, 1953, killing 116 people and injuring 844 others.

Twenty-three days after the killer tornado, The Flint Journal published a special edition. The pages put readers right in the middle of the storm with neighborhoods ravaged and recovery efforts from near and far.

Cars were thrown through the air, crumpled like a ball of paper by the twister.

Every window was blown out at Beecher High School. Chairs, desks and chalkboards were unsalvageable. The school was nearly unrecognizable, aside from its marquee letters still holding strong on its side.

Some homes were deemed a total loss, while others were shifted from their foundations.

The Holloway Reservoir was covered with trees from the surrounding forest area.

Water was declared unsafe to drink, so it was hauled in by tank trucks and other means to keep residents hydrated.

Moments after the storm, ambulances couldn't get to the scene soon enough.

'A PREMONITION'

Incredibly, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Bell of Coldwater Road escaped unscathed.

As reported in The Flint Journal on June 9, 1953, Mrs. Bell was a top-notch nurse, and Mr. Bell a strapping fellow with a level head.

"We were alone in the house," Thomas Bell said. "My wife was kind of nervous; she'd had a premonition because of the report in the paper about hail, and it was hot and still. Then, we heard this roar — just like 10,000 jets going overheard. We went to the basement. There was a tremendous pressure that seemed to go right through your head, and sounds of cracking."

Within 20 minutes, the Bell house was a first-aid station. With skilled hands, Mrs. Bell bound wounds. She put a tourniquet on the leg of a boy bleeding profusely from a compound leg fracture. There were 20 kids in the house, and lots of adults, some pretty badly hurt.

Mr. Bell went out to help. A kid ran up, yelling that his grandparents were trapped in a house. Bell went over and, with a tremendous tug, lifted most of a floor and the old people crawled out, unhurt.

That's the way it went far into the night.

"I guess it was a good thing my wife was a trained nurse," Thomas Bell said in his 1953 interview. "A tree on Clio Road prevented the first ambulance from getting here for about 20 minutes. We had them strapped on boards and given first aid and ready to go when the first ambulances and trucks got here."

While the death and damage were incredible, items spared by the tornado were amazing. A chicken survived but had a patch of feathers pulled off by the tornado.

Cecil Schaaf on Coldwater Road had his 16-foot travel trailer picked up by the tornado. The trailer was found eight miles away in Columbiaville.

PROVIDING AID

The Wayside Variety and China store, at North Saginaw and Coldwater, served as the State Police disaster headquarters.

The American Red Cross, Salvation Army and National Guard were on the scene to provide aid, clear debris and help sweep the area to provide any help they could to families in need.

As the first week waned, the community mourned — as did the nation.

The National Guard Armory served as the morgue for tornado victims. The Flint Journal reported in the bleak, high-ceilinged National Guard Armory on Lewis Street was the most somber scene. The empty building was turned into a morgue housing the bodies of 107 men, women and children.

As each victim was brought to the armory, the body was tagged and numbered, finger-printed, searched for clues as to the name and address, then photographed.

Numerous funerals became a daily slog, and with heavy hearts, people were praying for loved ones and neighbors fighting for their lives at St. Joseph and Hurley Hospitals in Flint.

Children were separated from their parents, sometimes in separate hospitals, fighting for their lives in critical condition.

The largest funeral was held on June 13, 1953, with 16 tornado victims. Five members of the Gensel family and five members of the Gatica family were among the 16.

Scores of debris-filled basements were scoured for victims after the storm struck on June 8, 1953

Tornado damage is seen in an aerial photograph published in the Flint Journal on June 14, 1953.

Flint hospitals attended to more than 700 injured as of June 10, 1953, with staff and medical personnel helping those in need. Above, Sister Benedicta, director of nurses at St. Joseph Hospital, checks in on patients.

Volunteers worked speedily June 26, 1953, on a new house for Antonio Gatica, second from right in the foreground, with his brother after the tornado completely destroyed his residence in Beecher.

RECOVERY EFFORTS

A July 1, 1953, special edition of the Flint Journal shows the path of the tornado started at Coldwater and Linden Roads, and continued due east along Coldwater Road.

At Richfield Center the tornado started moving northeast and tracked northeast of Lapeer.

The back page of the edition had a statement from President Dwight D. Eisenhower to residents of the tornado-ravaged area. His words rang throughout the community in hope to know the nation was with them through it all.

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"Even a fleeting look at the destroyed section of your city, such as we were able to obtain as we flew over it today, clearly shows the destructive force of a tornado, and the extent of the disaster suffered by many of your citizens," Eisenhower wrote. "My sympathies and best wishes go to each of those families, together with the assurance that all appropriate agencies, including the Federal Government, will cooperate to assist them in this time of trouble."

In the recovery efforts, hundreds of volunteers from across the state came to help tear down and rebuild throughout the summer.

In August 1953, "Operation Tornado" was launched as people, ranging in age from 10 to 80-plus years old, were assigned in crews and teams to lend a hand in building new homes in the most devastated areas.

Local businessman and philanthropist Charles Stewart Mott even rolled up his sleeves, grabbed a hammer and started to build homes to help victims.

Families built basements and storm cellars in case of future storms. Some tore their homes down to the foundation and started anew. Many lived in tents and campers on their properties for months attempting to salvage as much as they could while continuing to build before winter's approach.

Survivors showed amazing resolve and willingness to help.

A volunteer registered nurse, DeVoda Bunker, was on duty at Hurley Hospital when a 5-year-old boy was brought in. He was a tornado victim, with hemorrhage of the kidneys and in need of a blood transfusion. It was two days after the storm.

When Bunker learned the boy's blood type was the same as hers, she immediately donated a pint. Then, she went back to her duties.

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As the elder Fusciardi will admit, they do get a little warm in the summertime.

"It gets hot. But they would have been wearing heavy material at the time, so that's really the impetus for us to do this," he said. "We want to make sure we're being (as) accurate as possible."

A LOVE FOR THE GAME AND HISTORY

Chris "Schoolboy" Fusciardi first got a glimpse of the game when the family was living up north and he was working as a sports reporter for a small-town newspaper.

When he saw a news release on a vintage base ball team forming in Grayling, he decided not only to run it to fill space in the paper, but he also made the 45-minute drive to check out a practice.

The rest, as they say, is history.

History, actually, is one of the things that drew him to the game. A lifelong fan of the game he grew up playing, the older Fusciardi also was a history major in college. He later taught world history and coached baseball at a Kalamazoo-area high school before his family moved north for a spell.

His career as a teacher led to his nickname of "Schoolboy."

Nicknames are another thing that sets vintage base ball apart from its modern counterpart. While nicknames aren't uncommon in sports, everybody has one in vintage base ball.

Teammates to "Danger Zone" and "Schoolboy" include "The Beast," "Doc," "Gator," "The House," "Mullet" and "Mac."

WAIT, 'HAWGCOOKER'?

On the vintage base ball team in Chelsea, there's "Honest Jon," "Gentle Ben," "Hawgcooker," "Deke," "Panama," "Pistol," "Gearhead," "Stumpjumper" and "Crusher."

Similar to the Kalamazoo club, the Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea takes its name from an old-time team from the area.

Also similar, there are multiple father-son duos on the team.

In fact, the Chelsea club has three generations of one family suit up together. There's Peter "Stonewall" Van Hoek, a 72-year-old reserve. His son, "Honest Jon" Van Hoek, 45, is the captain. And then there are Honest Jon's kids, "Gentle Ben" Van Hoek, a 15-year-old reserve, and Henry "Walnut" Van Hoek, a 13-year-old reserve.

Members of the 2023 Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea gathered on June 3 in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Two sets of fathers and sons played that day for the club.
Courtesy of Elizabeth Van Hoek

"For me, it's been a lot of fun, because I grew up playing ball with my dad as coach," "Honest Jon" Van Hoek said. "When I started the team in 2011, he joined up with us, so I kind of got to be his coach a little, even though we don't take it that seriously."

A few years ago, the Chelsea team got to play a game at the Field of Dreams in Iowa.

"My dad was there and Ben played with us and I had to stop and pinch myself," Van Hoek said. "It was very surreal — memories you cannot recreate."

In addition to vintage base ball, "Gentle Ben" Van Hoek also plays travel and high school baseball.

"I love to see sports played in a slightly different way that includes everybody who's interested," said "Honest Jon" Van Hoek. "I don't recruit for talent; I recruit for interest in what we're doing."

While the vintage game may look like a historical reenactment at times, it is completely unscripted.

THE GAME DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE

The vintage game has no age restriction and includes everyone from former Division I baseball players to those who have never played the game, Van Hoek said.

The only requirements, aside from learning and respecting the rules, are that people play in a gentlemanly manner.

"It captures people from a pretty wide range of backgrounds and experience with baseball," he said. "A lot of guys haven't played for 20 or 30 years, or never played, or are baseball junkies."

One of those players who had never played baseball before is Roger "The Beast" Smith.

Playing on two reconstructed knees, Smith, 63, has been with the club for more than 10 years.

"I lost my vision when I was 6 years old," he said. "I couldn't play baseball because I couldn't see it."

Multiple eye surgeries later as an adult, Smith finally got his chance.

"The first at-bat I had, I hit it out of the park and into a garbage can," he said with a laugh. "I was hooked from that day on. I've always loved the game and was so excited to finally be able to play it."

Dirk Westbury of Kalamazoo holds some of the balls they use for vintage base ball.
Rodney Coleman-Robinson, MLive.com

His vision still isn't perfect. Although he can't always see the ball, Smith said he can tell where it's going by the sound of the bat.

'IT'S ALL GENUINE'

"Just being here, hearing the bat hit the ball. And the friendships you make with the different players. It's all genuine," Smith said.

That genuine aspect of the game versus the often over-competitiveness of recreational softball is what keeps him playing 1860s base ball.

"In softball, those teams yell and scream and everybody wants to fight all the time about bad calls. In this game, there's bad calls that are made, but you just gut it out, smile and walk away," Smith said.

The venues are also part of what makes vintage base ball unique. Vintage tournaments and festivals are played on some of the most historic sites around.

Game locations include Iowa's Field of Dreams, Gettysburg in Pennsylvania, Greenfield Village, the old Tiger Stadium field site in Detroit, Mackinac Island and the Tulip Time Festival in Holland.

"I think for younger kids especially, it's a great reminder of what sports can be," said "Honest Jon" Van Hoek. "You can still play hard and be competitive and give your all. But there's also a lot of camaraderie and respect for your opponents. And, for me, that's sort of the gem of the whole thing.

"Everybody feels lucky to have come across it."

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grant applications and GoFundMe fundraising. The mother-daughter duo began working with the Saginaw Economic Development Corp. to refine their business plan to pitch to the corporation's loan program.

The solution is simple on paper but hard to achieve: "You need funding to ask for funding," Alesha said.

A 2021 credit survey by the 12 Federal Reserve Banks found Black business owners were most likely to report difficulty accessing credit and most likely of any racial group to tap into personal finances to maintain businesses. Yet white business owners were twice as likely to be approved for loans.

"It's managing the one (business) to keep it afloat and then trying to bring this other (business) up," Alesha said. "It has been a scale where one tips the other."

Racial disparities widen the gap for capital growth, said Jamiel Robinson, founder of Grand Rapids Area Black Businesses, which aims to help Black owners scale up businesses by creating relationships with bankers, accountants, insurance professionals and lawyers.

"It's both individual and structural," Robinson said. "Capital is overseen by financial institutions, and those are historic barriers. African American businesses are finding a way to break through those barriers, but it's not to the degree (of white business owners)."

In 2015, Forbes magazine ranked Grand Rapids as the second-worst city in the country for economic success for Black Americans. The study used data points like median income, home wealth and unemployment rates.

Robinson said not much has changed. Fewer than 1% of businesses owned by Black entrepreneurs have an annual revenue greater than $250,000 in Kent County.

"You see businesses opening up, but we still haven't been able to help these businesses scale in the fashion of others. Those structural things we really need to address, we haven't addressed," said Robinson.

"There's great optimism, which is great, but the mountaintop is extremely far away."

'I DIDN'T GET ANY OF THOSE LOANS'

Early in the COVID-19 emergency, Black businesses increased 14% in 2020 compared with 2017, the first year of the Census Bureau's Annual Business Survey. Nationwide, the 2020 growth accounted for nearly 17,000 new businesses bringing in $141.1 billion in gross revenue, according to the survey.

The pandemic also shuttered many. Between February and April 2020, Black-owned businesses closed at a rate more than double their white counterparts, at 41% compared with 17%.

"They didn't receive the grant dollars, even though they were most impacted by the pandemic," Robinson said. "We didn't see a lot of relief and support. The rhetoric was there, but that didn't manifest."

Black-owned businesses were less likely than white businesses to secure pandemic aid. Federal data shows 1 in 5 Black-owned firms that applied for the Paycheck Protection Program received nothing, the highest proportion of any racial group.

Travis Willis and three friends opened an Ypsilanti print shop 20 years ago, using the friend with the best credit to secure a $40,000 loan, but the early days of the COVID-19 shutdown brought Willis and his longtime business partner to a crossroads. The pair parted, leaving Willis with the newly minted Ypsi Marketing & Print Co.

During the health crisis that halted gatherings for more than a year, Willis, 47, renamed, rebranded and relaunched a print shop that produced posters, flyers and T-shirts for events. Despite decades of experience, Willis' company was now a brand-new business on paper, leaving Willis without the lifeline of government aid.

"After a couple of nos for me, it was just a turnoff," he said. "I just kept my bat swinging and just stayed afloat. I didn't get any of those loans to help me out."

The print shop on West Michigan Avenue is now a one-man show. Willis, among other roles, is graphic designer, sales manager and accountant.

He carried the business through the shutdown using his connections to local elections, churches and nonprofits. In many ways, it's still a solo mission to keep the presses running.

"Even before COVID, it was always like that," he said. "There was no extra helping hand. I only had these two right here."

That is common — only 4.1% of Black businesses have employees, compared with 19% of white-owned businesses, according to 2019 Census data.

'HOOPS AND BOUNDS'

Serving fare like fried catfish and smothered pork chops, The Candied Yam now has a steady stream of regular customers in Grand Rapids, but owner Jessica Ann Tyson has been struggling for over a year to open a second location.

Kaylynn Martin, 17, of Kakes the Great popcorn company makes popcorn in the demonstration kitchen inside the SVRC Marketplace in downtown Saginaw on May 10. Martin began this business when she was 15. *Kaytie Boomer, MLive.com*

"We do business out of passion, but there's so many intricacies and layers to become legitimate in the eyes of the state," Tyson said. "There's some very finite things you need and generationally, we don't have those resources."

Since 2016, Tyson has grown her business to eight to 10 employees, but she's hitting a plateau when it comes to financing a business loan.

"If I didn't look like me, the deal would have already been done," Tyson said. "Every day, somebody comes in asking when I'm opening. It's a heavy weight. I'm trying to scale (up), but you have to go through hoops and bounds."

Some Black-owned businesses did see a spike in support from white customers in the summer of 2020, at the height of protests over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police. Although a handful of those white customers became loyal supporters of Black businesses, many didn't.

The majority, 58%, of Black adults said supporting Black businesses, or "buying Black," is an extremely or very effective strategy for moving Black people toward equality, according to a 2023 Pew Research survey.

"The white guilt, it was, 'Wow, we should be doing more,'" Tyson said. "They wanted to show solidarity with Black businesses. They're supporting, but systemically there hasn't been much change."

'10 TIMES HARDER'

Mr. Leslie's Cheesecakes, based in Lansing, opened in October 2019 and is seeing growth. It quickly pivoted to a wholesale business during the pandemic, and the cheesecakes are now sold in five Meijer grocery stores, Tom's Food Center and both the Meijer Capital City and Woodward Corner markets. Owner Marcus Leslie works out of an incubator kitchen and now has four full-time employees and two contracted employees.

"It's taken me years for me to get there," Leslie said. "As a minority, no matter what life throws at you, you have to have a positive outlook. Do we have to work 10 times harder to show up in a room? Yes, of course."

Leslie calls himself a "mystical creature" that doesn't believe in the word "no." He said he learned that tenacity from his mentors. He now gives back by mentoring younger Black entrepreneurs.

"The biggest gap in our community is the lack of information or the access to it," he said. "You don't know what you don't know. I consider myself to be knowledgeable, but that business plan for the bank was very intimidating. You need somebody next to you to show you the way."

The best advice cheesecake maker Leslie has to other Black entrepreneurs?

"Do it afraid, do it frustrated," he said. "If you're afraid, still do it. If you stop, you're not going to see the progress. Don't let the obstacles stop you."

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JUNETEENTH

Black entrepreneurs reflect on holiday's place in the community

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For Flint bookstore owner Egypt Otis, amid all the celebrations, Juneteenth also is a day to support and recognize Black entrepreneurs.

"I think it's imperative that we celebrate, specifically, our Black business owners with this holiday," she said. "I think going back to the importance of Juneteenth, many Black people couldn't own property during that time because we were considered property."

Juneteenth celebrates the day in 1865 when Union Army Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger announced emancipation to Texas slaves, 2½ years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that freed all enslaved people within the Confederacy.

The day became a federal holiday when President Joe Biden signed legislation establishing it in 2021.

Other Black business owners across the state are not only celebrating the holiday, but also reflecting on its meaning, including 12-year-old Maddie Brown, of Ypsilanti, who, with some help from her mom Natalie, started her own business selling arts and crafts in 2022.

"I really wanted to show my art to the world," said Maddie, whose business is called Kreative Squad. "A business seems really fun because you can sell things you like to make. It is really exciting knowing people are interested in my stuff and knowing I can share my stuff with other people."

Maddie was inspired to create her own business after watching her mother start her own human resources consulting business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kreative Squad creates handmade products like tumbler cups, T-shirts, keychains, crochet items, paintings, cupcakes, cookies and anything else Maddie is interested in.

The business has sold African American and Juneteenth-themed designs at Juneteenth celebrations in Ypsilanti in the past.

Maddie Brown, 12, works on a painting in her Ypsilanti home. With the help of her mother, Maddie started a business, selling her art and other products. *Sydney Verlinde, MLive.com*

A HOLIDAY WITH MEANING

Natalie Brown said participating in Ypsilanti's Juneteenth celebration is unlike any other event in which the mother-daughter duo have taken part.

"This is an opportunity to see the community of Ypsi and others come together to celebrate the meaning behind the holiday," she said. "There's not always a time where the city comes together, (and this just allows me to) try to help my kids understand the significance of this holiday and how its history impacted our lives, (while teaching) the importance of what Juneteenth really means, (because) it's not just a day off of school or work."

Back in Flint, Otis owns Comma Bookstore & Social Hub, which is a space that carries multicultural literature and specializes in Black, Indigenous and people of color books, arts and products. The business also hosts various events focused on multiculturalism and bringing the Flint community together.

Since Comma is the only Black-owned bookstore in Flint and Genesee County, Otis said that role brings not only a big responsibility on Juneteenth, but throughout the year.

She sees the holiday as a chance to pay homage to many people's sacrifices while educating others about what Juneteenth truly means.

"We make sure that we celebrate Black history, our experiences and our accomplishments all throughout the year," Otis said. "(Comma Bookstore & Social Hub is) making sure that there is access to stories that have been historically left out or intentionally erased. I think that Juneteenth falls under that category. It's our responsibility to make sure that community members know the history behind the holiday."

Egypt Otis at the Comma Bookstore & Social Hub, which she opened in Flint in 2020. *MLive.com file*

A FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Jennifer Smith, owner and executive director of Over the Top Academy of Dance in Grand Rapids, agrees with Otis.

"It's a beautiful celebration, but I think it should still be about education," Smith said. "I think the best thing about Juneteenth is it helps people understand our American history more, and I think through education there can be more understanding, growth and community."

Over the Top Academy of Dance teaches dances classes in ballet, tap, hip-hop, contemporary and other genres while offering programs like its HERO Academy Boys Pre-Sports Program to inspire boys ages 4 through 12 to move in an athletic and creative way.

Smith said her business is constantly working to be a space filled with diversity while teaching her students the history behind different elements of dance. The business performed for its second year in Grand Rapid's Justice 4 All Juneteenth Jam on June 17.

For Maddie, Ypsilanti's annual Juneteenth celebration was where Kreative Squad first started selling its products. Brown said she hopes her daughter will always remember participating in the event so she can continue the tradition later on in life.

Kreative Squad has not only given her an opportunity to teach Maddie about Juneteenth, but to teach her about finances and communication skills, Brown said.

She and Maddie said the business has also allowed the 12-year-old to build not only a closer bond with her mother, but with other family members as well.

The Juneteenth holiday not only brings people together, but holds deep meaning for Otis.

"To have your own business, to me, really is symbolic to the freedoms that we get to enjoy today, really, off the backs of people who sacrificed themselves for a future that they really didn't get an opportunity to see," Otis said. "I think that it's really important year-round to support small businesses, but especially during this time to support your local Black businesses."

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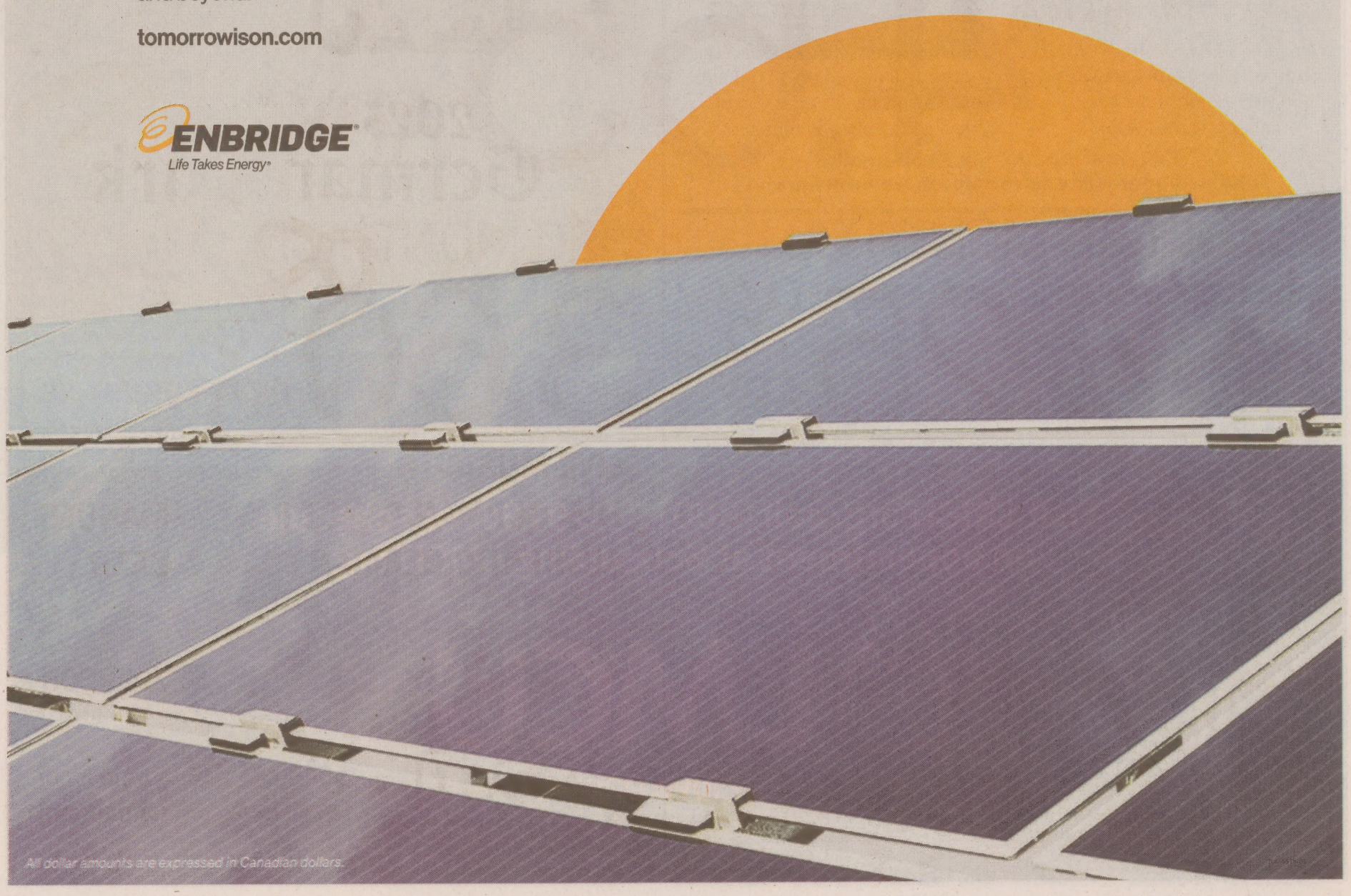

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ANN ARBOR

Unabomber's death sparks new interest in U-M archives

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Julie Herrada exchanged letters with Theodore "Ted" Kaczynski, known widely as The Unabomber. While never speaking to him in person, she said he was candid and professional, even if only through his letters.

Herrada is the curator of the University of Michigan's Labadie Collection, which, since 1924, has collected material documenting radical movements like anarchism. When Kaczynski was arrested for his 17-year bombing spree in 1996, Herrada sought his writings for the collection.

For the last 24 years, Herrada has curated box after box of thousands of documents, from his lengthy "anti-tech" manifesto to fan letters to his musical compositions. The collection is known as Kaczynskiana, and she said it draws people from all corners of society.

Kaczynski, who killed three people and injured 23 others through bombs sent in the mail, died June 10 in a federal prison medical center in Butner, North Carolina. He was 81. He targeted people he thought were advancing modern technology and harming the environment. His manifesto critiques industrialization and advocates for anarchism to defend nature.

Interest in UM's Kaczynskiana collection has increased slightly since his death, but Herrada and other librarians can handle it, she said. Herrada added the collection contains letters to Kaczynski from a range of people, from housewives and grandmothers to anarchists and environmental activists.

"I struggled with the sense that these letters represented but a microcosm of the people in our society," she wrote in a University of Wisconsin article. "They wrote on perfumed paper, colored paper, decoupage paper, anonymous postcards, business letterhead, and frayed-at-the-edges notebook pages. Some were very well educated, others barely literate.

"There were many bright and normal people, as well as some seemingly unstable ones, who were merely curious about the intellect and personality of the man known as the Unabomber."

Herrada first wrote Kaczynski to procure his writings in 1997, a year after his arrest, while he was lodged at a federal "supermax" prison in Florence, Colorado. The motivation, she said, was to help provide future social science researchers with his writings to help "unlock secrets."

Ted Kaczynski 's personal items, such as handwritten letters, typewriters, tools, clothing and several hundred books, are auctioned off online in Atlanta in May 2011 with the proceeds benefiting his victims' families. *David Goldman, Associated Press*

His attorney, Judy Clarke, wrote Herrada back to let her know her client was "very interested."

From there, Herrada corresponded directly with Kaczynski.

It would take two years to negotiate a formal agreement for Kaczynski to gift material to the U-M library. The lengthy process was partly a negotiation with Kaczynski and partly navigating the university's general counsel, which sought to avoid negative publicity, Herrada said.

Two of Kaczynski's surviving victims were University of Michigan faculty — graduate assistant Nicklaus Suino and psychology professor James V. McConnell, a leading figure in behaviorism. In the 1985 attack at McConnell's home, the blast wounded Suino and damaged McConnell's hearing.

Herrada secured the formal donation agreement in 1999. Upon reading the letters for the first time, she said she felt sadness, compassion and pity for the people who reached out to Kaczynski.

The names of most of the people who interacted with Kaczynski are redacted, except for media personalities seeking interviews with him and similar public figures. This privacy is part of the ethical consideration of collecting controversial material, Herrada said.

SHARON TOWNSHIP

Officials warn 400-acre mine would obliterate farmland

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A proposed 400-acre sand and gravel mine would flood rural Washtenaw County with heavy-duty trucks hauling tons of material, and obliterate prime farmland once targeted for conservation, township planning officials have determined.

After a monthslong review the Sharon Township Planning Commission has found mine operator Michigan Materials & Aggregate Co., also known as Stoneco, has failed to show "no very serious consequences" would result from the project — a determination that could tee up a denial of the proposal by the township board.

The commission made its case in 21-pages of findings that dealt with with concerns from declining property values to danger to school children walking along Pleasant Lake Road west of M-52, where the mine is proposed.

"Four hundred acres of prime and important farmland will be destroyed, and Pleasant Lake Road, along with the fundamental agricultural way of life and economy in important parts of the township, as planned, will become a heavy industrial corridor," the findings state.

The commission voted unanimously on Tuesday to forward the document to the township board, which is tasked with making a final determination on the project.

The action comes in the third year of review of the mine, which would provide about 1.5 million tons of aggregate commonly used in road construction each year.

Deliberations began with an assessment of the need for the material produced with the planning commission determining there was "no need" for them. The township board ultimately found "low to moderate" need for the sand and gravel, in the midst of legal threats from the mining company.

Evaluation of the proposal then shifted to assessing Stoneco's claims the project wouldn't result in "very serious consequences," like effects on resident safety and welfare.

RESIDENTS CONCERNED

In February two dozen residents, some affiliated with the citizens' group Sharon Preservation Society, volleyed concerns at the planning commission, ranging from tanking property values to dust, noise and environmental damage from the mine.

Stoneco provided a slew of studies dealing with noise, traffic, hydrology and other aspects of the operation, which it said showed none of the troubling impacts. The operator also cited its decades-long track record in Washtenaw County without serious problems.

The planning commission evaluated the feedback and Stoneco's nearly 850-page application, as well as responses to resident concerns, over four meetings before coming to its decision.

"On a cumulative basis, very serious adverse consequences to the township will result from the proposed operation," it found.

The findings framed the area as rooted in agriculture with even nearby residences and businesses "relaying on the peaceful and bucolic life relating to farms."

HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC

Truck traffic, between 150 to 175 two-way trips per day on average and 300 to 330 at peak periods, troubled planning officials, who found it would endanger pedestrians and cyclists given the lack of sidewalks and pathways.

Farm vehicles using the area would also be effected, as would downtown Manchester, the findings state. The commission also side the prime soils on the property, which once advanced through a county conservation process.

Stoneco refuted the claims in a response to the commission, pointing out the trips through Manchester village would be a comparative drop in the bucket in the context of the more than 5,000 vehicles passing through on an average day.

Traffic studies found no need to improve roadways or modify the Pleasant Lake Road/M-52 intersection to increase capacity, it said.

The assertion that the mine would affect nearby farms is "purely speculative," the company wrote

A reclamation plan for the property after mining operations finish is also designed to facilitate agriculture use of the land, according to Stoneco.

The fate of the mining application will now rest with the elected township board. Township Supervisor Peter Psarouthakis said it would likely be on the board's July 17 meeting agenda.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Big U.S. 23 project is coming. Here's how you can weigh in.

The freeway between I-94 and M-14, built in the early 1960s, could see construction begin in 2026.

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A September 1962 view shows construction of the "Ann Arbor Eastbelt," where U.S. 23 runs along the city's eastern edge. The Geddes Road interchange, center, and bridges over the Huron River, bottom, are shown as they are being built. *Ann Arbor News archives courtesy of OldNews.AADL.org*

A view of the U.S. 23 bridges over the Huron River in Ann Arbor on May 31. *Ryan Stanton*

U.S. 23 through Ann Arbor dates to the early 1960s, built as the city's "eastbelt," much of it then surrounded by farmland.

Today it hops over congested thoroughfares between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and handles more than 70,000 vehicles on an average weekday between I-94 and M-14, Michigan transportation officials say.

The aging freeway, which could have qualified as a senior citizen last year, is in need of an update, and the Michigan Department of Transportation is gathering feedback as part of the design process for the project.

The agency is now working on an environmental assessment study of the corridor covering parts of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Township and Ann Arbor Township.

Scuba divers are scouring the Huron riverbed for protected mussel species, MDOT is reviewing a slew of local transportation plans and officials are collecting comments online, as well as hosting two open house events at Washtenaw Community College.

They are scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in Room 105 of the Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, according to MDOT.

Plans under development through the study process could include replacing the bridges along the route — four of which are in "poor" condition, according to a state database — as well as possibly widening the highway, MDOT officials previously told MLive/The Ann Arbor News.

Additional lanes are a possibility, as is the addition of a flex lane, like the one north of Ann Arbor on U.S. 23, they said.

CONGESTED AND AGING

Needs identified on the corridor include addressing aging infrastructure, modernizing antiquated geometric elements of the highway and easing the congestion, according to a MDOT video about the study process.

The study will look at the condition of pavement and bridges, stormwater quality, operational deficiencies, non-motorized and transit connections across U.S. 23, traffic noise, aesthetics and the impact on surrounding land uses, officials say.

Goals of the project include increasing safety for users of various modes of transportation, including cyclists and public transit users, and working toward state and Ann Arbor goals of eliminating deaths and serious injuries on roadways and streets.

The study area stretches from the I-94 interchange to the south to the easternmost M-14 interchange to the north, including busy exits and crossings at Ellsworth Road, Packard Street, Washtenaw Avenue, Geddes Road, Earhart Road and Plymouth Road.

MDOT officials say they are working in conjunction with teams behind similar ongoing studies meant to improve Washtenaw Avenue, where a lack of accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists have been a concern for local officials and residents for many years, and the M-14 Barton Drive interchange, marked by a history of crashes.

They will also look at local plans and policies, like the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority's 2045 long-range plan, Ann Arbor's A2Zero climate plan and local master plans.

"Engaging the community is one of the cornerstones of this study," officials said in the video about the environmental assessment study.

LEAVE YOUR FEEDBACK

Residents can give input over a range of issues using an online comment form at bit.ly/aaus23comment or leave feedback on a comment tool that uses a map to tie comments to specific geographic locations along the corridor. Go to bit.ly/us23geocomment.

So far comments have flagged merging problems and noise that intrudes on homes and parks, among other issues.

Monica Monsma with MDOT's Environmental Services Section is also receiving comments via email at MonsmaM@Michigan.gov or by phone at 517-335-4381.

The study will be used to create design concepts for the highway and bridges along the route, according to MDOT.

It is slated to be complete by summer 2024, but any construction isn't likely to begin until 2026.

ANN ARBOR

Cop fired after claiming she was to drunk recall incident

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An Ann Arbor police lieutenant was fired after she was caught lying about an incident in which she claimed to be so intoxicated she could not remember being in the backseat of a subordinate officer's car, according to a termination letter obtained by MLive/The Ann Arbor News through the Freedom of Information Act.

Lt. Colleen McCarthy was fired May 26, according to the letter written by interim Ann Arbor police Chief Aimee Metzer.

The letter outlines several reasons for her termination, including McCarthy's dishonesty about an incident in which she was reportedly found by police in the backseat of a coworker's car, and for sending expletive-filled text messages to other officers and giving preferential treatment.

McCarthy was allegedly in the backseat of a subordinate officer's personal vehicle in the middle of the night in a closed parking lot when they were found by a deputy from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, according to the letter. She reportedly gave the deputy a false name and denied having identification.

BRINGING 'DISREPUTE' TO AAPD

During an internal investigation into the incident, McCarthy first denied having contact with deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. After being served a personnel complaint, she then said she was extremely intoxicated and had no memory of the event, according to the letter.

"Even if it were to be believed that you cannot recall an incident as substantial as this, your actions, in and of itself, brought substantial disrepute to the Ann Arbor Police Department and seriously calls into question your ability to make responsible decisions as a senior manager," Metzer wrote in the termination letter.

The name of the subordinate officer was withheld by police. It is unclear when the incident took place.

The relationship between the two officers was described as "personal" in the termination letter. The letter also details how McCarthy sent expletive-filled text messages to subordinate officers about the Oakland County incident. It's unclear who McCarthy sent the messages to, though the letter noted it was a subordinate sergeant who reports to McCarthy.

"Loyal????! U f***ing told some people some complete bs about me that u had no actual facts on. Save the loyalty," the text reads in part, according to the letter. "Loyalty would have been coming to me but no u claimed some bs like u were saving urself from god knows what. Then u lie ur ass off."

DISCIPLINED EARLIER

McCarthy was disciplined at least twice before her termination, according to the letter.

She received a written warning in October for being insubordinate, as well a 16-hour suspension in January after it was discovered she had been caught speeding more than 100 mph.

"I find that your seeming inability as a Lieutenant and a leader at this police department to be forthright during Professional Standards interviews, and your abject failure to accept any responsibility for your behavior to be inexcusable," Metzer wrote in the letter.

McCarthy worked at the Ann Arbor Police Department for 23 years and was promoted to lieutenant in 2016, according to Ann Arbor police. She was named the Command Officer of the Year for 2016.

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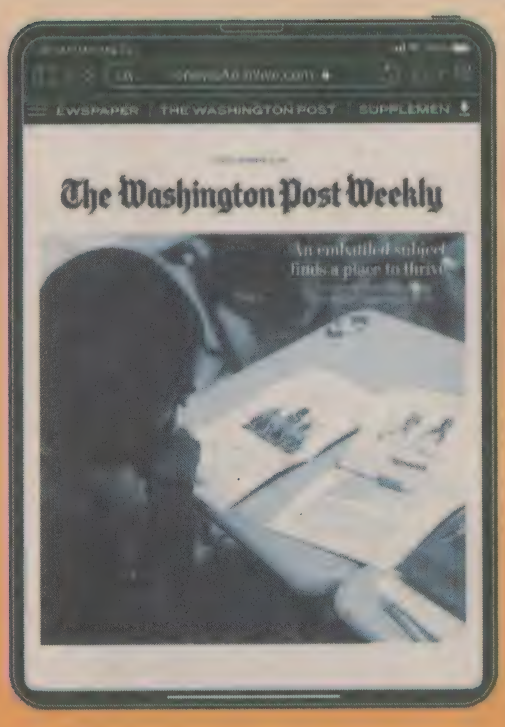

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YOUR MONEY

PERSONAL FINANCE

The 12-word financial plan: Do this and you're done

This is one central idea about managing money for people who can't stand to manage money.

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Hal M. Bundrick *NerdWallet*

If you hate reading how-to articles about money, read this article anyway.

I'm with you. I get it. Some people can't stand talking about, reading or even thinking about money, researchers find. "Make a budget," the experts say. "Get out of here with that crazy talk. I'm busy living a life, not a bean counter," you might say.

Spreadsheets? "I'm feeling a little queasy right now. Can't stand them."

But you don't want to be broke, miserable about money and without all the good stuff money can bring. You just want to be an expert in something else. Cooking maybe. Fishing. Running. Traveling. Sleeping. Anything but managing money.

This article has one central idea about managing money for people who can't stand to manage money. I'll communicate it to you in a total of just 12 words. The rest of the 545 words in this article will be strictly for entertainment purposes only. You can skip them if you like. There will be no bullet lists included. It's not that complicated.

HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ready? Read the next sentence, and you're done.

Lop off 20% of your take-home pay, live off the rest.

You know, I could shorten that sentence. Use tighter language. I could probably get it down to eight or nine words. Maybe less. You could even turn it around and say, "Live off 80% of your income." Wow. That's just six words. Sweet.

That's it. See you next time.

Oh, for those of you still hanging around, I'm happy to regale you with the other 479 words. (See? They're flying by now!)

MORE DETAILS IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

That 20% of your net income can be divided in two. Put at least half of it in long-term savings for life after work. (You can count what you put into a 401(k) or IRA as part of that 10%.) Dedicate the other 10% to shorter-term money goals, such as paying off debt or saving for a house or whatever.

When you pay off all of your debt or buy that house, boat or French villa, you just move the extra money into the chunk dedicated to long-term savings. Eventually, you might end up saving way more than 10%. It might start getting close to the full 20%.

This really boils down to what every money expert is basically saying, but they use much fancier words and look all smart on YouTube. Or funny on TikTok.

If you live off 80% of your income and pay all your bills, buy all the dinners out, do all your traveling and whatnot, you're golden. Those are your needs and wants.

The 20% you've got set aside will eventually get you out of debt and fund your retirement or whatever your long-term goals are — no more living paycheck to paycheck. You've accomplished what "the rich people" have.

And if you do it consistently, after every pay raise, bonus and windfall, always setting aside 20%, you'll kick budgeting's butt.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL OVERNIGHT

If you're barely getting by right now, it may seem impossible to save such a large portion of your take-home pay. That's OK. Take small steps. Now that you've unlocked the secret to living a financial happy-ever-after, there's no rush. Take 1% off the top. Then 2. Just keep taking those small steps to getting where you want to be.

Managing money is so frustrating for many of us — we sometimes just don't know where to start. When you have a simple plan, it's the execution that matters.

EVEN MORE FOR THE REALLY CURIOUS

We are breezing through this thing, aren't we? All of these extra words are paying my salary, and every now and then, I see a few of you grin. Life is good.

You see, without tracking a dollar or using an app or online calculator, you're accomplishing the key to building your net worth: spending less than you make. Significantly less.

Eventually, that 20% dedicated to debt payoff and savings will be a big chunk of change.

If you've had it in a savings account earning a decent amount of interest or invested in your 401(k) or other retirement account, sooner or later, you'll want to get advice on how best to manage it and, maybe one day, live off it. You can hire an hourly fee-only fiduciary financial advisor for that.

You'll be a financial big shot by then.

EVALUATE YOUR SPACE

Can you afford to age in place?

Kate Ashford *NerdWallet*

Most older adults ages 50 to 80 say it's important to stay in their homes for as long as they can, according to the 2022 National Poll on Healthy Aging from the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation at the University of Michigan. But only 1 in 3 said their home "definitely" has the features needed to allow them to age in place.

Aging in place isn't as simple as just staying home — you must consider the costs, including those for age-related home renovations, home maintenance and caregiving. Some costs may be covered by Medicare if you meet certain requirements, but most will be fully out of pocket.

"We know that about 90% of aging individuals want to age in place, but there are a number of aspects they have to consider," says Jill McNamara, senior director of enterprise operations at Care.com. From grab bars to yard upkeep, here's what you must evaluate.

CAN YOU RENOVATE?

Staying in your home usually means making modifications so you can live in it safely. Many homes in the U.S. were built in the post-war period, "when the country was young and virile and the lifespan was shorter," says Louis Tenenbaum, founder of the HomesRenewed Resource Center, a nonprofit site for research into the economics of aging in place.

You'll want to think about the bathroom, the entryway and the bedroom, says Kathleen Cameron, senior director of the National Council on Aging's Center for Healthy Aging. That includes things like grab bars and a walk-in shower in the bathroom, a ramp or widened doorway if needed for home access, and a bedroom on the main floor. If you rent, you'll want to find out if your landlord would be amenable to making these sorts of changes.

Costs will depend on what you need done and where you live. Nationally, a midrange bathroom remodel averages about $25,000, according to Remodeling magazine — although updating just a few features will cost less. Building a wheelchair ramp will run about $1,000 to $3,300, according to Angi, a site for finding service professionals.

These are just starting points. For someone considering these changes, "find occupational therapists or physical therapists to do a thorough home assessment and to identify what changes might be necessary for someone to age in place," Cameron says.

CAN YOU MAINTAIN YOUR HOME?

Even if you can step into the shower safely, you still may have a lawn to maintain, a kitchen to clean and a boiler that needs a kick every winter. Landscaping maintenance can run $100 to $300 a month, according to HomeGuide, a site for finding local home service providers. In addition, a single housecleaning can cost $75 to $380, depending on the size of your home.

Consider, too, that if you own your home, you may need a plumber or a handyperson — things will break and you'll need repairs done. So it's not just about whether you can safely live in your house, Tenenbaum says, but also whether you can hire the services you need.

Melissa Brennan, a certified financial planner in Plano, Texas, remembers a neighbor who managed all his home maintenance tasks as he got older, including hiring a landscaping company and having his roof replaced and foundation repaired. "He lived independently and happily until his death because he knew his limitations and adapted accordingly," she says.

DO YOU NEED IN-HOME CARE?

As you age, you may need help with bathing or getting dressed, or you may need help with cooking or grocery shopping. A home health aide averages about $27 an hour, according to the 2021 Cost of Care Survey from Genworth, an insurance company. If you needed five hours of care per day, you'd be spending about $4,000 a month.

"I think most people aren't aware of how much in-home care can actually cost," McNamara says. "And also, what's going to pay for it? Because most people think, 'Oh, as I age, I'll have Medicare.'"

While Medicare may cover home health care as part of a limited, prescribed regimen by your doctor — including physical and occupational therapy — it doesn't cover an extended period of home health care or companion care.

Your local area agency on aging might be able to help you find services that can help, such as transportation services or Meals on Wheels. "Understand what the options are locally," Cameron says, "for someone who truly wants to stay in their home as long as possible."

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TRUMP INVESTIGATIONS SPECIAL COUNSEL

If convicted, how much prison time could Trump face?

Past cases brought steep punishments for classified document hoarders. But such sentencing decisions are ultimately up to the trial judge.

Former UFC fighter Jorge Masvidal was one of the people at Miami's Versailles restaurant excited to see ex-President Donald Trump after his appearance in federal court on Tuesday. Experts anticipate Trump's lawyers will echo his public remarks in trying to get the classified documents case dismissed by arguing he was entitled to have the papers and is the victim of prosecutorial overreach. *Alex Brandon, Associated Press*

Eric Tucker and Alanna Durking Richer
Associated Press

The FBI investigators who searched Harold Martin's Maryland property in the fall of 2016 found classified documents — including material at the top secret level — strewn about his home, car and storage shed.

Unlike former President Donald Trump, the former National Security Agency contractor didn't contest the allegations, ultimately pleading guilty in 2019 and admitting his actions were "wrong, illegal and highly questionable." But his expressions of contrition and guilty plea to a single count of willful retention of national defense information didn't spare him the harsh punishment of nine years in prison.

The resolution of that case looms as an ominous guidepost for the legal jeopardy Trump could face as he confronts 37 felony counts — 31 under the same century-old Espionage Act statute used to prosecute Martin and other defendants alleged to have illegally retained classified documents.

SENDING A MESSAGE

Even many like Martin who have pleaded guilty and accepted responsibility have nonetheless been socked with yearslong prison sentences.

"When they decide to pursue a willful mishandling case, it's to send a message: that we take these cases very seriously," said Michael Zweiback, a defense lawyer and former Justice Department prosecutor. "They almost always are seeking jail time."

How much prison time the former president could face in the event of a conviction is impossible to say, with such a decision ultimately up to the trial judge — in this case, a Trump appointee who has already demonstrated a willingness to rule in his favor.

It's also hard to know the extent to which other factors — including the logistical and political complications of jailing a former president — might play a role.

The Espionage Act offense is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, though it's rare for first-time federal offenders to get close to the maximum. But beyond the retention, prosecutors have also identified multiple aggravating factors in Trump's alleged conduct, accusing him of seeking to enlist others — including a lawyer and aides — to hide the records from investigators and showing off some to visitors. Some of the other counts in the indictment, including conspiracy to obstruct justice, call for up to 20 years in prison.

Justice Department prosecutors in recent years have used the Espionage Act provision against a variety of defendants, including a West Virginia woman who retained an NSA document related to a foreign government's military and political issues. Elizabeth Jo Shirley pleaded guilty in 2020 to a willful retention count and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

RETIRED AIR FORCE OFFICER

This month, a retired Air Force intelligence officer named Robert Birchum was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to keeping classified files at his home, his overseas officer's quarters and a storage pod in his driveway.

Many defendants have pleaded guilty, rather than face trial, though not all have gone to prison. Trump — who also faces charges related to hush-money payments in New York state court — has shown no signs that he could be headed toward a plea deal, vigorously insisting he is innocent and personally attacking Justice Department special counsel Jack Smith hours — before and after appearing in Miami federal court Tuesday.

HOW CAN HE CONTEST THE CHARGES?

Despite the details in the indictment, Trump does have some avenues to try to contest the charges.

For one thing, he's drawn Judge Aileen Cannon, who sided with Trump last year in the former president's bid to appoint a special master to conduct an independent review of the seized classified documents. Citing the "stigma" she said was associated with an FBI search of Trump's home, she said a "future indictment" based on items that should've been returned to Trump "would result in reputational harm of a decidedly different order of magnitude."

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit unanimously overturned her ruling, which was widely criticized by legal experts as extraordinary and unusually broad.

Over the next several months, Cannon will make decisions that will shape the trial, including how quickly it will happen and whether any evidence will be kept out.

Prosecutors also face the challenge in Florida — where Republicans have made steady inroads in recent years — of a jury pool likely to be more favorable to Trump than if the case were tried in overwhelmingly Democratic Washington, D.C.

Still, "I think that it might very well be that Jack Smith welcomes a Florida jury because if there is a conviction, it will be much harder to say, 'Well, that jury was somehow anti-Trump,'" said Stephen Saltzburg, a George Washington University law school professor and former Justice Department official.

Experts anticipate Trump's lawyers to echo the former president's public remarks in trying to get the case dismissed by arguing he was entitled to have the documents and is the victim of prosecutorial overreach. Trump could also try to block prosecutors from being able to use key evidence, such as notes from his lawyer detailing conversations with the former president.

DELAY, DELAY, DELAY

If the case gets to trial, experts say Trump's attorneys may attempt what's called "jury nullification" or try to convince jurors that he should be acquitted even if they believe Trump broke the law because the violation wasn't serious enough to warrant charges and he is being singled out.

"The theme of the defense can be riddled with suggestions of unfairness and selective prosecution — basically trying to convince a jury that even if the former president did what the government says he did, none of this should have ever ended up in a criminal prosecution," said Robert Mintz, a defense attorney and former Justice Department prosecutor.

Robert Kelner, a Washington criminal defense lawyer, said while an outright acquittal seems unlikely given the volume of evidence, a pathway for a mistrial exists if Trump attorneys can persuade even one juror to acquit on grounds that the president enjoyed the absolute authority to declassify information.

That authority ended the moment Trump left the presidency, but even so, "some jurors will likely find it hard to rationalize convicting him for something that he previously had the absolute authority (to do) simply because he didn't file the right forms and do it at the right time," Kelner said.

In the end, facing a mountain of evidence and the prospect of years in prison, Trump's best hope may be a tactic he often pursues: Delay, delay, delay, said Cheryl Bader, a former federal prosecutor and head of Fordham University Law School's Criminal Defense Clinic.

"His best defense may be to try to ride out the election cycle, be elected as president and therefore be in charge of the Justice Department before the case goes to trial," she said.

ELECTION 2024

Biden looks for the union label in 2024 campaign

Will Weissert and Seung Min Kim
Associated Press

Joe Biden opened his 2020 presidential run at a Pittsburgh union hall, declaring, "I'm a union man. Period."

In April, as he announced his 2024 campaign, he declared, "I make no apologies for being labeled the most pro-union president in American history."

On Saturday, the president's first 2024 campaign rally was held at a union gathering in Philadelphia, punctuating just how much Biden is counting on labor support to carry him to a second term — especially in a critical battleground state.

Rallying labor activists at Philadelphia's convention center can help Biden's campaign spark enthusiasm and tap early organizing muscle. That may eventually boost Democratic voter turnout in the city's suburbs and other key parts of Pennsylvania, which in 2020 helped him flip the state where Biden was born from Donald Trump.

"It speaks to this president's visceral understanding that, when the labor movement in the United States is strong, the economy and our democracy are strong," said Mary Kay Henry, international president of the 2-million-member Service Employees International Union. "He sees the role that working people and unions play in everything that he's trying to make happen."

Many of the country's top unions, including the AFL-CIO, American Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, announced Friday their endorsements of Biden's 2024 campaign — the first time the groups have done so in a coordinated manner and this early in the presidential election cycle.

In 2019, Joe Biden speaks during a campaign stop at a Teamsters union hall in Pittsburgh. *Associated Press file*

"We wanted to have all of the unions onboard and making a very strong statement," said Lee Saunders, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and head of the AFL-CIO's political committee, who pushed for the coordinated endorsements. "We're going to hit the ground running and make it clear that all of labor is supportive of the president, and we're going to do what is necessary to get him reelected."

Biden has used executive actions to promote worker organizing, personally cheered unionization efforts at corporate giants like Amazon and authorized federal funding to aid union members' pensions. He's also traveled the country, trumpeting how union labor is building bridges and improving train tunnels as part of the bipartisan, $1.1 trillion public works package Congress passed in 2021.

Though the number of workers belonging to a union has risen, overall union membership rates nationwide fell to an all-time low in 2022. The country's largest unions have nonetheless built sprawling get-out-the-vote efforts, which Biden is counting on to help turn out his supporters in pivotal swing states.

Still, the White House's relationship with labor has occasionally been tested, such as in December when some union activists criticized Biden for legislation preventing a nationwide rail strike.

The United Auto Workers said last month that it wasn't immediately endorsing Biden's reelection campaign due to concerns over the administration's efforts to transition the U.S. into a nation reliant on electric vehicles. Biden supporters attribute the holdout to the union's new leadership, which is taking a more confrontational posture ahead of bargaining with big auto companies.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., who leads the Senate Democrats' campaign arm, said, "We still have a lot of time right now between now and the election" and that the auto worker union will likely endorse Biden's reelection eventually.

"He's clearly, probably, the most pro-union president we've had in a very long time, if ever," Peters said.

Even as Biden won major endorsements from union leadership in 2020, however, some rank-and-file members supported Trump. Biden won the support of about six in 10 union members then, according to AP VoteCast.

Numbers worth knowing

39%
Confidence in the scientific community declined among U.S. adults in 2022, a major survey shows, driven by a partisan divide in views of both science and medicine that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, 39% of U.S. adults said they had "a great deal of confidence" in the scientific community, down from 48% in 2018 and 2021. That's according to the General Social Survey, a long-running poll conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago that has monitored Americans' opinions on key topics since 1972.

48%
An additional 48% of adults in the latest survey reported "only some" confidence, while 13% reported "hardly any," according to an analysis of the survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The survey showed low confidence levels among Republicans as partisan gaps that emerged during the pandemic era have stuck around, said Jennifer Benz, the center's deputy director.

53% VS. 22%
In the 2022 survey, Democrats' confidence fell back to around pre-pandemic levels, with 53% reporting a great deal of confidence compared with 55% in 2018. But Republicans' confidence continued its downward trend, dropping to 22% from 45% in 2018. Confidence in medicine has also grown more polarized since 2018. That year, Democrats and Republicans were about equally likely to say they had high confidence. By 2022, though, Republicans' confidence had fallen to 26%, while Democrats' has remained about the same as it was before the pandemic, at 42%.

Source: AP

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BARRETT, MARGARET
3/22/1927 - 5/31/2023
Brighton

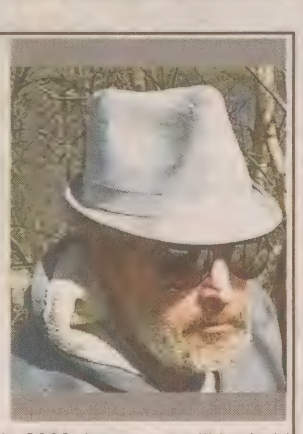
Margaret Pauline "Noller" Barrett, 96 of Dexter MI passed away on May 31, 2023 at Cartel Inns of Brighton of Alzheimer's Dementia.

Margaret was born March 22 1927 in Geneva Township MI. She was a very active member of St Andrews UCC in Dexter MI for more than 70 years. Margaret worked in the printing industry at Braun-Brumfield and before that Edwards Brothers. She loved playing Mexican Train Dominos and after retirement traveling with various senior groups.

Margaret was proceeded in death by her brothers Carl Noller, Fred Noller and Walter Noller and a sister Gertie "Noller" Rowe. She is survived by a daughter Lori (Jim) Delhey, granddaughters Leanna Delhey and Amanda (Andrew) Klinkman, great grandchildren Abigail, Nolan and Mara as well has bothers and sisters Henry Noller, Paul Noller and Ruth Olmstead.

A celebration of life will be held at St. Andrews UCC, Dexter MI on Monday August 7, 2023 at 11am, visitation at 10am and a luncheon immediately following the service. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Andrews UCC. Margaret is remembered by family and friends as a women with a warm smile, kind heart and a good sense of humor.

DUNSTAN, NEIL
3/21/1962 - 2/2/2022
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti



Dunstan, Neil James
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti age 59,
Passed away one year ago on February 2, 2022, at The Villas of Westland, in Westland Michigan. Neil was born March 21, 1962, in Detroit Michigan, the son of James and Joyce (O'Donnell) Dunstan. Neil spent his early years in Brighton Michigan (until 1970) and spent the remainder of his life in the Ann Arbor- Ypsilanti area. Neil was a lover of music, movies, and muscle cars, also drawing was a favorite pastime throughout his life.

Neil is survived by his four sisters, Patricia Dunstan, Kathleen Butler, Nancy (Bob) Peterson, Beth (Victor) Akemann, and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation and a private family gathering have taken place in 2022. Interment will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton Michigan June 30th, 2023, at 12pm along with his father James M. Dunstan (DOD December 29, 2022) Neil and James will join Brother Brian Dunstan who preceded them in death, and Mother Joy L. Shannon (FKA Joyce) who is laid to rest nearby. A special thank you from the family to all at The Renaissance House and The Grant House. Donations have been made in his name to The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

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LELAND, ROBERT
9/8/1932 - 5/23/2023
Roscommon

Robert Duncan Leland, age 90, of Roscommon, died on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Robert was born September 8, 1932, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the son of Ralph and Helen (Duncan) Leland.

Robert was a partner with his wife, Marcia, in Leland Farms in Whitmore Lake, Michigan from 1952 until he moved to Roscommon 22 years ago. Robert was a lifelong member of Farm Bureau, and he enjoyed collecting and restoring antique "old iron" tractors and displaying them at local shows.

Robert will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his children: David (Cathy) Leland of Whitmore Lake, Dennis Leland of Whitmore Lake; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marcia; sister, Nancy Ehnis.

Family and friends will gather from 11:00 AM until the time of the Memorial Service at 12 Noon, on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Wagner and Walsh Funeral Directors, 143 Lake Street, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.

For our guests who are unable to attend the service for any reason, you are encouraged to join us through the livestreaming at: https://www.facebook.com/wagnerandwalshfuneraldirectors

(Occasionally issues may occur considering location and availability of reception. When this occurs, the funeral home staff is prepared to record the service and then post it to the Facebook page. We appreciate your understanding).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner and Walsh Funeral Directors, Roscommon.

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MASON, ROBERT MARCENE
11/20/1930 - 6/9/2023
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Robert Marcene Mason age 92 passed away on June 9, 2023.

He was born on November 20, 1930 to George and Cora (Hendrick) Mason in Caro, MI. He moved to Detroit as a young man and graduated from Wilbur Wright High School. He worked in the automotive industry before joining the US Marine Corps and was stationed in Korea from 1951-1953 where he was part of an engineering battalion.

After the war, he returned to Detroit and began working at the Hydra-Matic Division of General Motors in Ypsilanti where he met his future wife, Emma. Emma Foerster and Robert were married on July 30th, 1955, in Novi, MI. In 1957 they completed their house on Sutton Road and lived there for over 60 years.

In 1962, he began working for Fingerle Lumber Company in Ann Arbor where he worked in sales and management until his retirement in 1995.

Robert was passionate about serving others and was involved in many organizations, most notably the Masonic Golden Rule 159 7EM 32nd, the Shriners, the Marine Corps League of Washtenaw and the VFW. He served in the honor guard for the Marine Corps league, sponsored children to attend the Shrine Circus and volunteered hundreds of hours per year to these organizations. He provided transportation to and from hospitals for treatment, diseases, birth defects, burns and orthopedic injuries. In addition, he frequently volunteered at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He loved hunting, fishing, restoring automobiles, NASCAR, Indy Racing, antiquing and refinishing furniture. He was active at the Liberty Swim Club for many years. Robert is preceded in death by his parents as well as his brothers, Norman Mason and Donald Mason.

He is survived by his brother, George of Oklahoma City, OK along with many nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life on June 23, 2023, at Weber's Restaurant, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 at 11:00 am and the internment will be held on June 24, 2023, at Ellington Cemetery located on the corner of East Dutcher Road and Hurds Corner Road, in Caro, MI. 48726 at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the VA Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.

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MALINARI, CAROL A.
Ann Arbor, MI

Carol Malinari (81) of Ann Arbor, Michigan passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 8, 2023 with her husband by her side. Carol is survived by her beloved husband Silvio Malinari of Ann Arbor, Michigan; her son Robert Malinari of Norwich, Connecticut; her four granddaughters, Lindsay Walter of New York City, New York, Gillian Walter of Chicago, Illinois, Rachel Malinari of Dobbs Ferry, New York, and Emily Malinari of Bayside, New York; and her son-in-law Jeffrey Walter of Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her daughter Sandra (Malinari) Walter; her brother Richard Raimann; her father William Raimann; and her mother Jean (Karkowski) Raimann.

Carol was born January 25, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York. While living in Brooklyn, Carol graduated high school and met her husband Silvio. Carol married Silvio on October 28, 1961 in Brooklyn and had her son Robert. After stints in Whitestone and East Rockaway, New York (where Carol had her daughter Sandra), the young couple settled in a new home in Lindenhurst on Long Island, New York to raise their family. They lived there for over 40 years. In 2006, Carol and Silvio bought a condo in Michigan to spend more time with their daughter's family in Ann Arbor. After many years of splitting time between Lindenhurst, Ann Arbor, and Daytona Beach, Florida, the Malinaris officially moved to Michigan in 2012.

Carol was a homemaker who worked part-time at Macy's as a sales associate on Long Island. Carol was a kind, caring, and generous person who was quick to laugh and show affection. Her pride and joy was her family; she was happiest while making memories with them. She enjoyed many trips with her family to watch horseracing in Saratoga, New York. With her husband, Carol vacationed in Hawaii, Alaska, Jamaica, and Bermuda and spent many years wintering in Daytona Beach. While home, Carol enjoyed cheering on the New York Giants and her grandchildren's alma maters; watching gameshows, soap operas, and Little House on the Prairie; playing games with loved ones; and cooking (especially her famous "Nanny Sauce"). She was a practicing Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home in Saline from 9:00 A.M. until the time of Memorial Service at 12:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Active Against ALS, activeagainstals.org, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory you have of Carol, to sign her guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

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MENGE, GEORGE
6/16/1959 - 6/14/2023
Waterloo, MI

Age 63, died on June 14, 2023. Memorial Service will take place at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home on Tues, June 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Mon, June 19, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. Full obit at www.mitchellfuneral.com.

SUOMALA, JAN EDWARD POWERS
7/16/1935 - 6/7/2023
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Jan was 87 years old when he passed away on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 after a 2 year battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Janet; his three daughters, Katherine M. Dorie, Lisa A. (Pati Lawson), and Jennifer P. (Stephen) Lynn; step-children, grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church - 2250 E Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 11:00 am for visitation until mass begins at 12:00 pm. Fr. Jim McDougall will preside over services.

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TURKINGTON, JAMES
4/22/1947 - 6/6/2023
Ann Arbor, Michigan

James Edward "Turk" Turkington, 76, departed this world in the early-morning hours of June 6, 2023, in Ann Arbor, MI, after a long battle with multiple health issues.

He was born in 1947 in Birmingham, U.K., to native Irish parents. Due to a series of difficult circumstances, he was released for adoption one year later in Dublin. Meanwhile, an Irish immigrant and her American husband in Evanston, Illinois, wanted a child but were unable to have their own. They reached out to family in Dublin, who chose the talkative, energetic Jimmy from a group of orphans. For the journey to his new home, he took his first plane ride all by himself at 2 ½ years old, and his unusual story made the Chicago Herald American newspaper. Growing up in the northern suburb, the Windy City would become the stomping grounds for the first half of his life.

After graduating from St. George High School, he briefly attended Loyola University Chicago, where he met his first wife, Marcia. They would marry in 1975 and have two children. Leaving college behind, he obtained a journeyman's certificate in construction from a local carpenter's union and worked on many large projects in the greater Chicago area. A twist of fate led him away from a fatal accident during the building of the Rosemont Horizon, spurring him to seek out a safer line of work. It turned out he was a natural-born salesman. Selling beer to bars and restaurants for a local distributor, he found himself on the road and talking to people all day – two of his favorite things. A career opportunity led him and Marcia to move the family to Michigan in 1986. Ann Arbor would become his second home, where he loved the many parks, bars and restaurants, and art and music. Around 1997, he switched from "selling beer suds to soap suds" – selling carwash equipment and supplies for Power Brite of Livonia. He eventually purchased the Packard Coin-Op Car Wash in Ann Arbor, which he would own and operate for about 10 years until retiring. After he and his first wife parted ways, he met Natasha in 2011, and they were married in 2012. They went on many adventures together, including a trip to her native Russia.

He was an avid fisherman, going on many fishing trips throughout the U.S. including Lake Michigan and the Gulf of Mexico. A restless soul, he wanted to see as much of the world as possible. Over the years, his wanderlust took him to 40 U.S. states, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, England, Wales, The Madeira Islands (Portugal), The Dominican Republic, and Russia. His many memorable travel experiences included waking up surrounded by scorpions in the desert and by alligators in Florida. The soundtrack to his life was eclectic, and he saw some of the most legendary artists live in concert, including Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Grateful Dead, Miles Davis, U2, Phil Collins, Bob Dylan, B.B. King, Bruce Springsteen, The Rolling Stones, Joan Baez, Pharaoh Sanders, Fleetwood Mac, The Allman Brothers, and Laith Al-Saadi. In 1997, James was initiated, passed, and raised to the degree of a Master Mason as a member of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262. He was also a member of Zal Gaz Grotto No. 34 and served as its Monarch in 2009.

Turk often said there were three things he wanted to see in his lifetime: 1. The Chicago Cubs winning the World Series, 2. The discovery of life on other planets, 3. To learn his family history. For most of his life, all he knew of his origins was his birth mother's name. After a DNA test and nearly a decade of research, he was ultimately able to connect with his blood relatives in Ireland and England. Meeting the cousins on his maternal side in 2018 in Dublin and Birmingham with his son and granddaughter in tow was one of the most cherished gifts of his life. Just a few weeks before his passing, he was able to learn the identity of his birth father. The story is still evolving, with surviving family continuing the research into his past.

Jim is survived by his wife Natasha, daughter Megan, son Colin and his partner Dana, granddaughter Adeline, stepchildren Elena, Vladimir, and Alexei, ex-wife Marcia, adoptive family, and dozens of Irish cousins.

A Masonic Service and Celebration of Jim's Life will be held on Tuesday, June 27, at 4 p.m. at Zal Gaz Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734-663-1202). All who knew Jim or his family are welcome; please come as you are.

He was witty, goofy, inquisitive, unconventional, and irreverent. He rooted for the underdog and tried to help others in need. He was a tireless bargain hunter and collector, and was on a first-name basis at local thrift shops. Few things made him happier than showering his loved ones with gifts. He would talk to anyone who would listen to him, and loved to tell stories that were almost always too long. In his world, all roads led to Chicago, Ann Arbor, or Ireland. In the words of one of his childhood friends: "Gregarious in nature, Jim was a formidable character with an imposing personality and the soul of a poet. Jim had put together a most complicated family to relish and love. He was a joiner and a leader. He was just a great guy."

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NATION & WORLD

WAR IN EASTERN EUROPE

Pentagon predicts Ukraine's counteroffensive will be long and 'very violent'

The sobering forecast comes as Western military officials plan to arm Ukraine for years to come, beyond its current push to retake Russian-occupied territory.

A Ukrainian soldier on Friday examines what's left of a culture center in recently retaken Blahodatne, in eastern Ukraine. Ukrainian troops have retaken about 40 square miles of territory from Russian occupying forces in recent days. "Our heroic people, our troops on the front of the front line are facing very tough resistance," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told NBC News. *Libkos*

Dan Lamothe, David L. Stern and Emily Rauhala *Washington Post*

Senior Pentagon officials have predicted a long, violent battle as Ukrainian forces attempt to drive occupying Russian troops out of their country, offering their most candid comments to date about a new offensive campaign reliant on Western military equipment and training.

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said it would be "very premature" to estimate how long Ukraine's counteroffensive could take, considering that Russia has several hundred thousand troops dug in along the front lines. But he characterized the operation as "a very violent fight" that will "likely take a considerable amount of time — and at high cost."

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, appearing alongside Milley during a news conference at NATO headquarters on Thursday, noted that the Kremlin had begun to circulate battlefield imagery of smoldering Western combat vehicles. Ukrainian forces, he said, have the ability to recover damaged military equipment and repair it.

"The Russians have shown us (the) same five vehicles about a thousand times from 10 different angles," Austin said, downplaying the significance of Ukraine's losses so far in the counteroffensive. "Quite frankly, the Ukrainians ... still have a lot of combat capability." Whichever side is better able to sustain its combat forces "will probably have the advantage at the end of the day."

The Americans' remarks came as Ukrainian officials said that the country's military had retaken about 40 square miles of territory from Russian occupying forces in recent days and that Kyiv's counteroffensive was advancing "gradually but surely." Last week, the Ukrainian military said it had liberated seven small villages in southeastern Ukraine, most clustered near the border of the Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia regions.

Russia's Defense Ministry has characterized Ukraine's attempts to retake lost territory as "unsuccessful," saying Kyiv's forces had suffered "significant losses in manpower and equipment." Moscow also claimed to have thwarted dozens of attacks.

The news conference in Brussels concluded a meeting of defense officials from dozens of countries assisting Ukraine in the war. Collectively, they have provided tens of billions of dollars in military assistance, including an increasingly sophisticated array of weapons that now includes Western battle tanks and the prospect of F-16 fighter jets.

It did not appear that the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, as the coalition is known, had settled on a plan for outfitting Ukraine with F-16s. Milley praised the Netherlands and Denmark, which last month agreed to lead a training program for Ukrainian air and ground crews on how to fly and maintain the advanced aircraft, but he said that the effort "will take some time" and that there remains "a lot of work to do."

"You have to do language training. You have to do pilot training. You've got to get all the systems set in place," Milley said. "Those wheels are in motion, but we're a ways from completion of that project."

In separate remarks, Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov spoke excitedly about "the so-called bird coalition" and said he had a commitment from several countries that training will occur. In addition to the Netherlands and Denmark, Reznikov said, Sweden has agreed to some form of "testing" in the effort. Sweden makes the Gripen fighter jet and last month signaled that, while Stockholm has no near-term plan to transfer any aircraft, it may let Ukraine learn how to operate them.

The meeting took place as Russia continues to bombard Ukrainian cities and civilian infrastructure with long-range missiles and one-way attack drones. Following another round of Russian strikes on cities across Ukraine, Hanna Maliar, Ukraine's deputy defense minister, said last week that "extremely fierce battles" are raging along Ukraine's 600-mile front line, as Kyiv amplifies its counteroffensive.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has expressed cautious optimism at the incremental progress of Ukrainian forces, saying they are "making advances and liberating more land."

But Stoltenberg, too, has conceded that it was too early to know whether the Ukrainian effort would be a "turning point" in the conflict and warned of brutal battles ahead.

"Nobody expected there to be zero casualties," he said. "There is fierce fighting going on."

A Western official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to brief the media, predicted "grinding, costly warfare for many months to come."

U.S. officials have been hesitant to address how the counteroffensive is progressing, but they are closely monitoring the fighting, with a senior U.S. military official saying efforts already are underway to incorporate early takeaways into the Western combat training being provided to Ukrainian forces.

"You don't want to fall into the logical fallacy of saying that the first time something happens, it's a trend," the senior U.S. military official said, appearing to reference imagery on social media intended to suggest Ukraine's efforts thus far have been ineffective.

Austin, asked about the adaptation of training over time, said that the ways in which squads and platoons of Ukrainian combat troops are observed fighting will be incorporated "into the training that we're doing for follow-on forces."

U.S. military officials said that more than 57,000 Ukrainian troops have been trained by Western allies since Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, including more than 11,000 by the United States. U.S. efforts have involved training 12 battalions of Ukrainian troops at two combat ranges in Germany, including three units on wheeled Stryker vehicles, three units on heavily armored Bradley infantry fighting vehicles, and six units on Humvees and other vehicles used by infantry soldiers.

The current U.S. training effort also includes instruction on M1 Abrams tanks, which the Biden administration pledged to Ukraine months ago as part of an arrangement that earlier this year included the transfer of German-made Leopard battle tanks from several European allies. The Abrams training began in May and is expected to be complete around the end of the summer.

In recent weeks, the United States and its allies have sought to steer conversations toward providing military support for Ukraine beyond the current offensive, with an eye to creating security arrangements that could deter Russia long-term. Diplomats from several member states are discussing bilateral or multilateral agreements with Ukraine along the lines of the agreements that channel billions of dollars in U.S. military aid to Israel.

The idea of turning Ukraine into a "porcupine" that could deter or repel future Russian attacks has strong support from allies but falls short of Kyiv's demands to join the alliance. Nothing other than membership would bring Ukraine under NATO's mutual defense pledge.

HEALTH CARE

U.S. Catholic bishops to create first guidelines for transgender care

One in seven American hospital beds are in Catholic systems.

Michelle Boorstein *Washington Post*

U.S. Catholic bishops have voted to craft their first bioethics directives for Catholic health care institutions treating transgender people. The Catholic Church oversees about 1 in 7 U.S. hospital beds.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) voted unanimously at their annual meeting to authorize their doctrine-crafting body to come up with a proposal. The proposal would be a revision to the Ethical and Religious Directives, or ERDs, that are binding on the vast network of Catholic hospitals, physicians' systems, surgery centers and urgent care centers.

The section being discussed, which deals with professional-patient relationships, has not been updated since 1994.

The range of views about just what the bishops are about to do was on display at their meeting on Friday; various clerics rose to the microphone and characterized the process as either the start of a fairly open inquiry, or instead as a means to a more specific end.

The Doctrine Committee, which will draft proposed revisions, in March issued a kind of position paper called "The Moral Limits to Technological Manipulation of the Human Body." The 14-page paper, which uses the word "order" 45 times, says a core tenet of Christianity is that there is a God-crafted natural order, and that "sexually differentiated" male and female bodies are part of it.

Interventions to alter the body "for what is termed 'gender dysphoria' or 'gender incongruence,'" the paper says, are "not morally justified ... they do not repair a defect in the body; there is no disorder in the body that needs to be addressed.

"Such interventions, thus, do not respect the fundamental order of the human person as an intrinsic unity of body and soul, with a body that is sexually differentiated. ... Catholic heath care services must not perform interventions, whether surgical or chemical, that aim to transform the sexual characteristics of a human body."

However, some experts within Catholic health care said the process that's starting is somewhat open in some aspects, and that there are many bishops and Catholic health care workers who believe science about gender is still evolving.

Part of this process, they said, could come down to asking: What falls into the bucket of "gender-affirming?"

"The biggest issue is our understanding of human sexuality. Will we into the future continue to see human sexuality as what we call binary, male and female, or are there shades between? What does this mean from a theological perspective is the big question and I don't know what the answer will be," said the Rev. Charles Bouchard, the senior director of theology at the Catholic Health Association, which includes most Catholic health entities. "There is a broad cultural trend where people see gender as totally fluid. We don't buy that, but is there another understanding of human sexuality we'll come to see?"

Until now, Catholic health organizations have no directives when it comes to trans-specific issues, and a generally conservative approach.

In general, Bouchard said, Catholic health entities don't initiate, advance or encourage transitioning from one gender to another. Because appearance-altering surgeries are common in society, he said, there are legal pitfalls for Catholic health care institutions if they would do a certain surgery for a man but not a woman, or for a cis person but not a trans person.

However, it's common, for example, for Catholic health care workers to renew subscriptions for hormones and oversee hormone therapy, and to provide emotional support for families sorting through issues around a trans child.

Some health care advocates are concerned about the revisions to the ERDs. Lois Uttley, a longtime adviser on healthcare equity, said: "Many people who work in Catholic hospitals are distraught."

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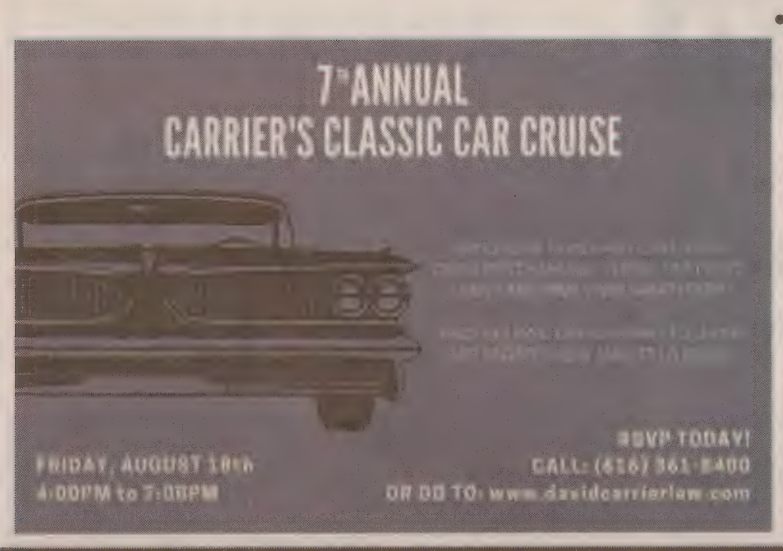

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SUMMERTIME... AND THE LETTER IS EASY...

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Can a grown child give themself proceeds from the sale of a parent's home while the parent is on Medicaid in a nursing home?

The home is very modest, so it will likely be sold for less than six figures. The adult child understands that the parent will have to go off Medicaid until the sale proceeds are spent down. But before the sale proceeds start being spent on the parent, the adult child intends to "reimburse" themself for everything they've ever spent on the parent. This would consume a great amount of the proceeds from the sale.

Also, the adult child has said that they intend to transfer the remaining money to an account in their own name, with the claim that it will only be spent on the parent. The adult child claims that they will then assist the parent in reapplying for Medicaid.

Is any of this legal?

I too am an adult child of this parent. I truly do not give a flying f*** what my sibling does, but as a matter of familial obligation, I do not want our parent to be involved in Medicaid fraud, or even the appearance of it.

Thank you so much for your help.

GOODNESS AND NICENESS ARE NO DEFENSE

Frequently, kids will spend their own money to help out mom and dad. Then they will want to get their money back. It is nice to be nice, but Medicaid is not nice and will not let you get your money back. At least not without imposing a penalty period. And sometimes, Adult Protective Services will get into the act and charge you with felony Financial Abuse of the Elderly. That is bad.

The Most Common Scenario. Mom lives alone. Mom has a hard time getting groceries. Kind child does Mom's grocery shopping. Child rings up all the purchases together. Once at home, Child carefully separates out Mom's purchases. Child carefully circles the prices on the store receipt. Child gets reimbursed by Mom, from Mom's checking account, for Mom's purchases. Child does not charge for gas or time or anything!

As far as Medicaid is concerned, Mom's payback is bad divestment and will create a Penalty Period. Here's the "reasoning": Child did not have to buy groceries for Mom, so buying those groceries and delivering them to Mom was a GIFT. Mom had no legal obligation to pay Child for those groceries. Mom did not have to pay Child, so paying for the groceries was a GIFT.

Mom paying Child for groceries was a GIFT, therefore divestment, therefore Penalty Period for Mom. That means that Medicaid will not pay for Mom's care. That means the nursing home will not get paid. Nursing Home does not like to not get paid. Nursing Home will sue Mom, seize the house, sell it, and get the bills paid. Now Mom has lots of extra cash. Now Mom does not qualify for Medicaid because she has too much money. Now Nursing Home gets the rest of Mom's money. Whoops!

Moral of the Story: Do not spend your own money for Mom. Use Mom's credit or debit card.

Another Common Scenario. Mom lives at home. Child also lives in Mom's house. Child cares for Mom. Mom pays child. Any amounts Mom pays Child are a gift, and divestment. Now when Mom needs nursing home care, Medicaid will not pay. And the family loses the house, again.

JUST ANSWER THE LETTER, WILL YA... IS ANY OF THIS LEGAL?

Answer: No, I don't think so...

Our Letter Writer's story is not unusual and demonstrates how a little knowledge is dangerous. Letter Writer's sibling has heard the words "spenddown" and "Medicaid" and then made up the rest... A recipe for disaster!

1. Kid supposedly spent money on Parent. But did they? Who cares? It does not matter, since the Parent has no binding legal obligation to repay. Plus I'm guessing that there are some serious questions about proving how much Kid spent on Parent.
2. If Kid takes the house sale money and puts it in an account with Kid's name on it, Kid just stole/converted ALL the house sale money.
3. Kid keeps some of the money as "reimbursement." Medicaid doesn't care, you stole it all, Kid!
4. Kid spends the rest of the house sale money "spending down" by paying Parent's nursing home bills. Medicaid doesn't care how much was spent on the nursing home or medical bills or reimbursement or anything else. As soon as Kid puts the money in Kid's account, the entire amount was stolen/gifted/divested, and the Medicaid Penalty Period will have to be assessed. And the Penalty Period does not begin to run until Parent has no money.
5. Here's what happens, if the house clears $100,000:
   a. Kid takes $50,000 as reimbursement.
   b. Kid spends $50,000 on nursing home (about 3 ½ months).
   c. Kid runs out of money to pay Mom's bills..
   d. Kid applies for Medicaid.
   e. Medicaid denies and assess a 10 month Penalty Period. Kid gets no "credit" for reimbursement or for paying the nursing home.
   f. Nursing Home does not get paid and sues Mom. And the Kid. But there is no money. Nursing Home refers the matter to Adult Protective Services.
   g. APS arrests Kid for Financial Abuse.

This could be done much differently. No need to lose the house. Kid could have been repaid. Medicaid could have taken care of the nursing home.

How could it have been done? Well, you did not ask THAT question. Maybe you should come to a LifePlan™ Workshop and find out!?

TOLD YA SO! TOLD YA SO! TOLD YA SO!

COVID PARTY OVER... MEDICAID MADNESS BEGINNING

THIS IS WHEN I HATE BEING RIGHT

During the COVID time, government thought it would be best to ignore the Medicaid rules and continue providing care, no matter what. Before COVID, to keep your benefits, you had to prove that you were playing by the rules. Before COVID, Medicaid checked up on you. Every year.

For the last 3 years or so, Medicaid has not been checking up. No accountability. That ended on June 1, 2023. Three years of no checking.

If you didn't check the air in your tires for 3 years, would that be a good thing? If you did not check the oil in your car for 3 years, would that be a good idea? If you did not check your bank balance for 3 years, would that be smart?

Raise your hand if you are surprised at the resulting chaos for many families.

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During COVID, special rules were announced that opened PACE up to more folks than ever. These expanded rules were supposed to expire in June 2020, then November 2020, then April 2021. Finally, they said the COVID rules would expire "Upon Further Notice." Well, we got that notice a little while ago. You read about it here.

Starting July 1, 2023, the COVID rules on PACE are ended. Now the confusion starts. We received the official Policy from the Department of Health and Human Services weeks ago. Now the local offices are offering their guidance. Are you surprised that one county agency reads the new Policy one way, and a different county's agency reads the same Policy in exactly the opposite way?

Buckle your seatbelts, we are in for a bumpy ride!

Would it be such a bad idea to give us a free call at 616.361.8400 or drop me an email at david@davidcarrierlaw.com before you submit your Redetermination or PACE application?

YOU OVERPAID YOUR EMPLOYMENT TAXES

EMPLOYEE RETENTION TAX CREDIT

AND YOU DON'T WANT YOUR OVERPAYMENT BACK?

During COVID, Congress offered small businesses a deal: keep your people employed. Keep paying them. Keep paying their benefits. Even if they don't work. Even if governmental orders shut down your business. Even if your revenue falls off the cliff and crumbles.

Congress said if you do these things, we will adjust your employment taxes.

And, if you already overpaid employment taxes under the new law, you can have the extra money back.

Credit: Library of Congress

CONGRESS TURNED SMALL BUSINESSES INTO AMERICA'S UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY

Hundreds of thousands of small businesses went bust during the COVID. Millions of Americans were thrown out of work. Millions of Americans applied for government unemployment benefits. They broke the system. Congress wanted you to be the new national unemployment agency.

Does Congress ever give anything away for free? Does Congress ever make anything easy? You overpaid your employment taxes because Congress changed the rules. Your tax advisors did not notice and so you paid too much. Should Congress keep the extra money?

All small business owners know that their biggest tax nightmare is Employment Taxes. But now the shoe is on the other foot. Congress changed the rules and you paid too much. Period.

If you do not ask for your money back, they will keep it. You must claim your overpayment quickly, by their rules, or your opportunity will be lost forever. The time to get your money back, your overpaid taxes under the new tax rules, is quickly running out.

Do you like to overpay?

Do you enjoy being cheated?

Do you like deals where you perform and the other guy scrams?

Can you stay in business by allowing others to walk all over you?

Can you thrive, grow, serve your clients, your customers, your team members and overpay your taxes too?

Why would you let your business be their doormat? Why would you leave your hard-earned money to a bully because you couldn't be bothered to pick it up or even ask for it back?

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IS IT REALLY THIS SIMPLE?

Basic Truth #1 You will need skilled care. Says the government. 70%. Average of 3 years. Please do not believe me, go to the federal government website: www.longtermcare.gov. See for yourself.

Basic Truth #2 Long-term care is extremely expensive. And getting worse. Hourly rates for in-home care are skyrocketing. Assisted living now costs $5,000 - $10,000 per month. Traditional skilled nursing – for the basics – is now $400 - $500 per day. That's $12,000 - $15,000 per month.

Basic Truth #3 Long-term care costs will continue climbing. Baby boomers are reaching their 80's, the age of greatest need. Fewer young people are around to be caregivers. Do the math: Increased Demand for care. Reduced Supply of caregivers. When Demand goes UP and Supply goes DOWN, what happens to PRICE?

Basic Truth #4 Your kids won't help with #2 and #3. Because you didn't have as many kids as your parents did (or any at all). Also because your kids aren't you and just won't do it.

Honest Observation #1 Once upon a time there was a Sandwich Generation. People who took care of their children and their parents, too. Today, the Sandwich Generation is toast. A thing of the past. Like an Endangered Species, you might, occasionally, still see one in the wild. Rarely. Like the Passenger Pigeon, Sandwich Generation kids used to be everywhere. Pretty soon you'll only be able to find pictures.

Basic Truth #5 You did not save enough for long-term care. Drain the savings. Empty the IRA. Cash in the annuity. Sell the cottage. And the house?

Honest Observation #2 Long-term care insurance doesn't work. Premiums are too high. Benefits are too low. Most big insurance companies have abandoned the individual long-term care insurance market. Prudential? Bye-bye. John Hancock? See ya later.

Basic Truth #6 Long-term care breaks the middle class.

Basic Truth #7 Government programs, mostly Medicaid, pay for 75% of long-term care. The other 25% is paid by folks like you who are going broke. And when you are broke, then Medicaid pays.

Basic Truth #8 Government gets its money from you. Through taxes.

Basic Truth #9 You already paid for long-term care. Through taxes. Should you pay twice? Why should you pay twice?

Honest Observation #3 Middle class folks who plan ahead do not go broke. Do not pay twice. Qualify for Medicaid while providing well for your spouse and kids (if any).

Basic Truth #10 Cleopatra was not the only Queen of Denial. Most folks hope for the best and plan... not at all. Then they hope some more. And then hope a bit more. That's why most folks wind up with the worst. Wind up broke.

Honest Observation #4 Estate planners claim to avoid probate, save taxes, get leftovers to kids. Most estate planning fails. Most trusts fail. Estate planners fail the middle class by planning for death only.

Honest Observation #5 Estate planners profit from probate. Probate work is well paid.

Reasonable Question #1 Do estate planners who profit from probate really want to avoid probate?

Reasonable Question #2 Do estate planners not know that you will go broke through long-term care? Or do they not care?

Reasonable Question #3 If you suffer nursing home poverty, will your loved ones benefit?

Reasonable Question #4 If you already paid for something, should you have to pay again?

Reasonable Question #5 If caring for yourself and your spouse also meant avoiding probate, saving taxes, and getting the leftovers to the kids, would it be a bad idea to care for yourself and your spouse?

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COMMENTARY

'Cool grandpa' shares tips on how to be a better grandfather

After WWII, grandfathering started to look a little different. Men felt more freedom to show love and affection to their grandchildren.

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Nedra Rhone
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

When I first contacted the Cool Grandpa, he was in North Carolina doing what lots of cool grandpas do — attending his granddaughter's first birthday party. We set up time to talk once the festivities were over and he had arrived back home to metro Atlanta.

Greg Payne, creator of the Cool Grandpa podcast, has spent the past five years discovering what it means to be a grandfather. Attending birthday parties is just the start.

The podcast features adults sharing stories about the impact their grandfathers have had on their lives, grandfathers talking about what they do to be a good grandparent, and experts who discuss issues of importance to grandfathers.

Payne, 53, of Cumming, Georgia, is now a devoted grandfather of three. But when his eldest grandson was on the way five years ago, he was thrown for a loop.

"In the back of my mind I was like, 'Wait a second. I am not old enough for this,'" he said. "I was looking around for what it means to be a grandfather nowadays. Who are the role models? I wanted to ask other grandfathers, 'How are you being successful?' I wanted to learn from them and I wanted to share it with others."

CREATING MEMORIES

Payne's maternal grandpa was in his early 50s when Payne was born. Payne remembers visiting him at his home near Oregon's Snake River and piling into his pickup truck to go on camping trips in the mountains. Payne has been touched by the stories of many adults who have come on the podcast and shared memories of their own grandfathers and the important roles they played in their lives.

My paternal grandfather, the grandparent with whom I had the closest relationship, wasn't actually my grandfather. He was my great-uncle. My grandfather died long before I was born, when my father was still very young, but my great-uncle lived nearby and I saw him regularly.

Uncle Hilliard taught me to play cards and slipped dollar bills to me when my parents weren't looking. After my great-aunt died, he had more time on his hands, and we would go out for breakfast a few times a month.

During one of those meals, as I was lamenting about the ways my late-20s life seemed to be veering away from the traditional career and family path that I thought my parents expected, he reached across the table, took both of my hands in his and said, "Oh darling, don't worry. We never expected that of you."

The world has changed since we had that conversation about two decades ago, but much of what my grandpa-uncle said and did then are actions and words that grandfathers believe are still important today.

The average age at which men become first-time grandfathers is 51, according to a 2018 Grandparents Today survey from AARP. A total of 79% of grandfathers said they play an important role in their grandchildren's lives. They prefer to serve as mentors or valued elders in the family.

Payne said the role of grandpas has continued to evolved in part because men are living longer and grandfathers today are in better shape than in past generations. "Life expectancy has gone up and access to health care ... we are not as broken down as our grandfathers were at the same age," he said. "Guys didn't used to live that long. Having a grandfather around is kind of a new thing."

After WWII, grandfathering started to look a little different, Payne said. Men felt more freedom to show love and affection to their grandchildren. It was OK to have tea parties with granddaughters and play cards with grandsons. "They were willing to give a lot more love and affection to kids than our great-grandparents were doing," Payne said.

But he notes that there is no single way to be a grandfather. Every circumstance and every kid is different, with different needs, even within the same family, Payne said. One of the most important things grandfathers can do is to be intentional about communicating with their adult children when setting expectations for the role they will play in their grandchild's life.

"Think about what type of grandfather you want to be. Talk to the parents and let them know what you want to do," he said.

When he started the Cool Grandpa podcast, resources for grandfathers were pretty slim. It has since grown into a space that feels like the 1980s when a slew of books on parenting came out, Payne said.

Most of the job, Payne said, is about showing up and being involved.

Words of wisdom from one grandpa to us all.

PARENTING

Stay connected with teen son and respect his independence

Meghan Leahy *Washington Post*

I need help staying connected with my 16-year-old son while respecting his need for privacy and greater independence. How do I do this?

As a parenting coach and a parent of a 16-year-old, I hear you loud and clear. Connecting with your teen can be a daunting task. We parents get many mixed messages. Americans are obsessed with independence, and many parents believe that their job is to push their teens out into the world, but this is not the way it should be.

Our goal as parents is to raise children who are interdependent; young adults who rely both on others and themselves. Of course your son has a right to privacy (within reason) and he should trust that you will be transparent with him when it comes to your concerns for his safety and well-being. The fallacy in American parenting is that connection and independence aren't linked. When a child (and teen) is deeply and safely connected to a loving and warm adult, the teen is more likely to be self-governing, exercise judicious freewill and safely take calculated risks. Without deep connections to loving adults, the teen may be acting on his own (appearing independent), but he is more likely to take unsafe risks, to be reckless and unafraid, or to be too afraid to take any chances at all. True freedom comes from connection, not despite it.

All of this is to say: Strengthening your relationship with your son is the surest path toward helping him find his own willpower, self-agency, and courage.

So, how do you stay connected?

Stay realistic: This means that not every attempt at connection will be easy, but every attempt is worth it. Your 16-year-old has his own life, friends and school stuff; it is natural that he will be distracted and may not receive your gestures as the love you mean it to be. Don't take it personally.

Make a list: Have your teen either tell you or send you a text with four or five things he wants to do, and tell him to make it imaginative. Have him name the big and small, the more ideas the better. Time, money and reality are always in play, but doing what your teen wants will make connecting easier.

Think about including his friends: While one-on-one time can be great, it can also mean a lot to a teen when you bring people along for the fun. Food is often a great connector, so having them over to taste-test burgers, pizza or sushi is a fun way to connect with your teen, as well as his friends.

Do a job together: Whether it is something for the community, the school or your neighbors, is there something you can both participate in that could be fun, give back and end with a little treat? Aside from creating memories, you are doing good for others, and that is a win-win.

Keep it short or stretch it out: Mini-doses of conversation about music or current events can be great ways to get him talking. Sharing old "SNL" skits or texting funny memes can be great shared sources of laughter, which is the ultimate connector.

"Stretch it out" means that you shouldn't be afraid to spend a few days with your son. College visits, camping, hiking, road trips to see friends, family or sites, or train or bus rides are good ways to get your son in your proximity for a chunk of time. When we stretch out the time, we can allow for long periods of comfortable silence and just simply be with our kiddo. Less agenda, more relaxing. And while it's a cliche, nature often facilitates connection, even if it is on the way to a movie marathon.

No matter what you do to keep connecting with your teen, keep at it and remember that simply staying present, staying interested and staying brave will matter to him, even if he doesn't say so.

HEALTH

A measured amount of weight training and exercise can be positive and healthy, but not when body image turns into an obsession or exercise becomes excessive. *Shutterstock*

BULKING UP

Body dysmorphia in boys and men can fuel muscle obsession

The red flag is when exercise or food choices lead to preoccupations or obsessions with appearance, body size and weight.

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Ian McMahan *Washington Post*

Fueled by the rise of social media and a lucrative, unregulated supplements industry, more boys and young men today are bulking up to the point of risking their overall health. A measured amount of weight training can be positive and healthy, but it's neither when body image turns into an obsession or exercise becomes excessive.

"Though its generally underrecognized, boys have body ideals just like girls do," says Jason Nagata, a pediatrician at the University of California at San Francisco who specializes in adolescent eating disorders. "The idealized masculine body type is big and muscular, and because of that, many boys are trying to get bigger and more muscular."

Nagata published research in the Journal of Adolescent Health in 2019 that found about a third of teenage boys reported trying to gain weight. The study was based on data from more than 15,000 high school students in the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. And in Current Opinion in Pediatrics in 2021, Nagata and his co-authors wrote that about 22% of teen boys and young men are engaging in some sort of muscle-building behavior.

The red flag for a young man or a teenage boy is when exercise or food choices lead to preoccupations or obsessions with appearance, body size, weight or exercise in a way that worsens their quality of life, Nagata says.

"It's not just the activity itself, it's also the way the activity makes them feel," Nagata stresses. "So when someone says that the exercise is causing them more worry or preoccupation than joy, and when it starts to impair their schoolwork or social functioning, those are all red flags regardless of the actual activity, but just how they perceive it."

MORE WARNING SIGNS ON BODY IMAGE

Gabriela Vargas, a pediatrician and director of the Young Men's Health website at Boston Children's Hospital, urges parents to look for boys becoming hyper-fixated on what they're eating, having highly regimented meals, cutting out specific types of food groups (such as carbs or sugars) or dramatically increasing the amount of protein that they're taking in. Going from one protein shake a day to five or having a pre- and post-workout shake multiple times a day is a nutritional warning sign.

"The other signs to watch out for is if they notice one of these two kinds of extremes," Vargas says. "One is they can be excessively looking at their body and checking in the mirror, checking to see, do they have abs? Or the flip side where they start kind of hiding their appearance because they feel like their body isn't presentable in its current form. And so they might start wearing baggier clothes.

"If a parent sees their teen engaging in hyper-exercising or protein supplement use, I would encourage them to have a conversation with their teen as to why they are changing their behavior," she says. "They should share their concerns with the teen and encourage the teen to reduce exercise and/or protein supplement use."

She also encourages parents to speak with their child's primary care doctor if they're worried about behavior.

WHEN THE FOCUS IS ONLY ON GETTING BIGGER

Bulking up, with the associated risky behaviors of skewed nutrient intake and excessive exercise, can be as dangerous as the drastic weight loss associated with more frequently discussed eating disorders such as anorexia. When a growing teen has energy deficits from either not enough caloric intake or too much exercise, they're not getting adequate nutrition to match the energy they're exerting either through exercise or their baseline metabolic needs.

What's more, says Nagata, when the body is in starvation mode because of too much exercise or inadequate nutrition, hormone production can slow down. That includes testosterone, the hormone critical for muscle building.

"Boys with eating disorders, if they're in this relative malnutrition state, they will have lower testosterone levels and lower libido levels," he says. "I think one of the big challenges is many of these boys and young men are engaging in these behaviors with the ultimate goal of increasing or maximizing their performance and appearance. But in the end, it can actually stunt their growth."

In younger boys still in the early stages of puberty, a relatively low level of testosterone can also lead to limited gains in muscle mass.

"Boys feel a lot of pressure when they're in that stage of development where they haven't really gone through the later stages of puberty yet," says S. Bryn Austin, a professor in Harvard University's Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

But they "don't have the same kind of hormonal environment" to support significant muscle gain, which means there isn't a lot of potential to gain muscle mass for the average 10- to 14-year-old boy who lifts weights and drinks protein shakes.

Although muscle strength can improve performance in sports, often this pursuit of the ideal male body isn't to do better on the field, but to look better — or more muscular — in the mirror. The goal isn't bigger, stronger and faster. It's just bigger.

"In terms of how boys and young men learn about masculinity, just being big is a way of expressing masculinity and dominance," Austin says.

FROM ACTION FIGURES TO SOCIAL MEDIA

Studies looking at boys' action figures have found that, over a 25-year period, the toys have become more muscular, with bulging biceps and broad chests. "The increase in action figure dimensions may contribute to the multifactoral development of an idealized body type that focuses on a lean, muscular physique. This occurrence may particularly influence the perceptions of preadolescent males," the researchers wrote.

Related research has shown that boys prefer those hyper-muscularized toys over their skinnier predecessors.

"They're exposed to (examples of muscularity) at a very early age," Nagata says.

"So, late childhood, late elementary school, early adolescence, boys are learning, they're learning about what the expectations are about this, the so-called ideal body that they are expected to grow into," Austin notes.

And what starts with toys and cartoon superheroes is amplified through social media platforms such as TikTok and Instagram. With algorithms directed at funneling content, all it takes is a click, or even a pause on muscle-building content and users will keep getting more and more. This can foster an illusion that everyone is muscular or engaging in muscle-building behavior.

"Because it's also such a societal norm," Vargas says, "it's tough for parents to figure out when is this just my kid as a teenager versus my kid has a problem."

"I think the added pressure with social media is that with all those traditional forms — books, television, movies — back in the day, most people were living in a read-only environment," Nagata says. "For the most part, your average teenage boy would not expect to be featured in a movie or become a celebrity."

Research looking at social media effects on teenage boys found that disordered eating behavior, muscle dissatisfaction and use of steroids are associated with more time spent on Instagram.

"Findings like these demonstrate that social media can create pressures for boys to display and compare their muscular physiques," Nagata says.

If social media is the fire, supplements are the gasoline. The use of muscle-building supplements is pervasive, with more than half of boys and men in adolescence through early adulthood taking protein powder or shakes.

The products, which are marketed heavily to boys and men, are not federally regulated for safety or effectiveness and leave unanswered questions of safety. "There's a lot of research done where they do lab tests on these products and what they say on the label is not even reflective of what's actually in these bottles, pills, powders," Austin says.

Trying to figure out what's safe for an adolescent to use is impossible, experts say. Because of these unknowns, Vargas advises adolescents not to take any supplements.

"If they then want more guidance, then I will refer them to a dietitian," she adds.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends 60 minutes of daily physical activity for children and teens, and exercise and strength training can be a positive for many. But "if a young person wants to increase their physical activity I encourage them to talk about this with their parents, coaches and primary care provider," Vargas says.

NOT A STORAGE UNIT

Here's how to finally get an organized garage

Organizing a garage takes time and is a constant process. With some effort you will have excellent storage space and — with some luck — room to park your car. *Shutterstock*

Experts offer these tips on how to get and keep your garage in order.

Kathryn O'Shea-Evans *Washington Post*

Many people have a junk drawer. We have a junk garage — an attached two-car sinkhole of cardboard boxes, languishing outdoor gear and piles of stuff earmarked for Goodwill. No matter how pristine our main living quarters are, every day we are reminded of this stress-inducing eyesore when we enter our house. Occasionally we attempt to get it together, but a few days later, it's back to bedlam.

"The garage is intended to park your vehicle, and for a lot of people, it has become a storage unit," said Stephanie Sikora of Sikora Solutions, an organizing firm in Denver. "The basement you can kind of avoid, but the garage is front and center every day ... it just becomes a dumping ground."

Dennese Guadeloupe Rojas, an interior designer in Silver Spring, Maryland, and the founder of Interiors by Design, has neighbors whose cars are parked outside because their garages are so filled with junk. "I can never wrap my brain around that," she said. "I grew up in St. Thomas, and we don't have garages in the islands. So for me, I don't understand how people park outside when you have a garage."

I spoke with several professional organizers and interior designers for advice on how to get — and keep — a garage organized. Here are their suggestions.

Instead of dumping things, have a designated spot for them. A pegboard with hooks is great for tools, and labeling is key for bins, especially if they aren't clear. *Shutterstock*

SCHEDULE REGULAR CLEAN-OUTS

Organizing your garage is an ongoing process. "Knowing that it is a space where a lot of things get dumped, try to address it at least twice a year with a clean out," Sikora said. "Ask yourself: What's here that doesn't need to be here? What needs to go away? It's purging and editing."

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by this chore and procrastinate. To hold yourself accountable, put it on your calendar so it's as unmissable as your twice-yearly dental cleanings.

ASSESS CLUTTER AND PAIN POINTS

Some items make sense to store in the garage (bikes, skis and outdoor gear). Leave them there, then bring the rest inside for evaluation. "Like, do old photo albums really need to live in the garage, or is there somewhere else they could go for long term storage that's not picking up that prime real estate?" Sikora said.

Donate, recycle or toss anything the previous owner left behind — such as paint and unfinished home repair projects, said Carrie Kauffman, the professional organizer behind Carrie's Essential Services in suburban Philadelphia. "Their trash shouldn't be your trash," she said.

You'll also need to get realistic about your operational flaws. If your 65-gallon garbage can or recycling bin is overflowing each week after you try to stuff 95 gallons of stuff into it, that's a fixable problem: "It's time to upgrade to larger trash and recycle bins to hold everything," Kauffman said.

And if cardboard shipping boxes tend to pile up, make a point of breaking them down as soon as you've emptied them. Kauffman suggests keeping a box cutter or scissors in a designated spot in the garage so they're always there when you need them.

MAXIMIZE YOUR SPACE

"A lot of times you don't have a lot of floor space, so you have to go up," Sikora said. "Leverage the walls and every vertical square inch so you can go up as high as you can."

Simple hooks on walls will help, but she also recommends hanging customizable track systems that allow you to easily move and swap sections, hooks and shelves around as you're rotating your gear for easier access to what you'll need each season.

Guadeloupe Rojas is planning to purchase ceiling racks from SafeRacks — essentially deep, wide shelves that attach to the ceiling and can hold up to 600 pounds — to create easily accessible overhead storage in her space.

And for tool storage, Kauffman is a fan of pegboards. "Label where each specific tool belongs on the pegboard," she said. "After you use it, it goes right back where it belongs." She also suggests hanging bikes on wall hooks to save precious floor space.

CREATE ZONES

Just as kitchens can benefit from clear work zones, garages need to have coherent sections, too. Guadeloupe Rojas advises having a specific place for car gear, gardening items, beach chairs and winter items, such as salt to melt ice.

"When you have an organized garage and you live in a seasonal state, you're able to go and find exactly what you're looking for," she said.

To that end, New York designer Susan Petrie recommends the organizational systems from California Closets. "Yes they are a bit more expensive than a DIY or piecemeal install, but they specifically cater to individual needs of each client as everyone has different items they like to store in their garage," she said. There are plenty of more affordable options out there, including from The Container Store or Ikea.

CHOOSE AND LABEL STORAGE WISELY

Kauffman prefers using sturdy, long-wearing plastic bins rather than cardboard boxes that fall apart over time.

"I would take it a step further and get clear bins for everything," she said.

But for rec gear you use frequently — the Wiffle ball set, tennis rackets, etc. — she suggests investing in an actual sports storage rack, so your balls and bats are easy to spot and grab. Make sure everything has a specific home so you "know where your camping gear is, and your baseball gear is," Sikora said.

And use labels on all sides of bins. "Having bins that are clearly labeled helps you find those things and also know where to put them away," Sikora said. "When you're on a ladder, the last thing you want to do is hunt through bins."

REMEMBER THE PAYOFF

Giving your garage even a humble makeover is an onerous task, but staying focused on the end result can help you keep going. Particularly if it's how you enter and exit your home, the state of your garage can leave a lasting impression on your mood, Sikora said.

"What I hear a lot from clients is the stress they feel the moment the garage door opens." When you clean up your act, she said, it can create a mental transformation for the better. "It really sets your tone and your mood."

GARDEN

PLANT GOOD VIBES

She lives happily alongside 80 houseplants

Tracey Hairston's advice for new plant parents: Take it slow. Get one plant at a time and see how it does before adding another. *Photos by Carlos Bernate, for Washington Post*

Tracey Hairston's curated home flow encourages visitors to linger, inquire and admire.

Amanda Long *Washington Post*

Beach traffic on a Friday afternoon is its own certain kind of hell, but toss in a pre-tunnel crash and a 40-minute detour through local, light-heavy roads, and you'll know how frazzled I felt when Tracey Hairston invited me into her family's home in Chesapeake, Virgina, for an interview.

The second I stepped through the doors, my traffic jitters and accompanying grumpy demeanor evaporated into the vaulted ceilings of her open-plan ranch home. The 2,913-square-foot space is as warm, welcoming, intentionally authentic and as vibrant as its owner, who greets me with a hug.

The fact I felt calmer is no accident, says Hairston. The interior design, fashion and plant blogger and military spouse has had to make eight locations in two states and Japan feel like home since she and Reggie, a retired Marine colonel, married 28 years ago. She blogs about her projects, vintage finds and all things fashion and flora at Mocha Girl Place and on Instagram.

"My style is led by the sense that I want you to be able to come in, take in the beautiful space, and just put your feet up, sit back and relax," she says.

Hairston's curated flow encourages visitors to linger, inquire and admire. The most powerful visual magnet is the first floor's dual-sided fireplace, framed by alcoves leading to an equally vibrant gem: a 15-by-13.5-foot sunroom with 52 plants. "As soon as I saw this room, I knew this was our house," she says.

Hairston has dreamed of a leafy room of her own with every move and challenging layout of base housing. "It's difficult to move with plants," she says. "I've given away more plants and clippings than I've ever owned."

In 2017, while living in California on Reggie's last assignment before retirement, the couple shopped for a permanent roost and settled on this deceptively simple white ranch house. Six years later, Hairston is still building a tranquil bohemian lair filled with what she loves: 80 houseplants (so far), color, texture, more plants, natural fibers, brass, fake plants, baskets and vintage finds.

We spent a couple hours chatting about her plants and how she lives with them. Here are edited excerpts from that conversation.

Hairston's Virginia home uses both live and faux plants in her designs.

As a military spouse, Hairston has had lots of experience in turning a space into a home. She's moved eight times.

She's managed quite a feat in one of the rooms of her house by fitting 52 plants into a 15-by-13.5-foot space.

This house is very you; how do you ensure Reggie, your husband, feels at home?

Didn't you see that 75-inch TV hanging over the fireplace? I hate that big ol' TV, but we have to compromise, right? That's all him!

I didn't even notice it; I was too busy taking in the pampas grass on the hearth beneath it. You've camouflaged it well.

When we moved here, my husband gave me free rein. As that military spouse, that officer spouse, I was the one always holding down the home front. I was the one taking my son to the barber, taking my kids to A, B, C, D, you name it. A lot of our dynamic is him saying, "This is your house," and the other part is that we work well together. He's a woodworker who loves to build as much as I like to come up with things for him to build. We've done projects together, including the table and shelves in the kitchen. He's got a different pace than I do, and that can be challenging, because once I have an idea, I want to see it. It's my vision, on his timetable. He builds the bones of the home, and I bring it to life. He appreciates the fact that I want to take care of the house and make it distinctly ours.

What advice do you have for first-time plant parents, especially those who got inspired during the "Plantdemic" when all things domestic took off?

Go slow! Get one plant at a time. I made the mistake of bringing in way too many plants during the pandemic. All these Facebook groups started popping up and everyone was sharing them for free! How could I resist? I had like 20 new plants all at once — and they all died. Start with an easy-care plant — a pothos or snake plant. If you can keep it alive for six months to a year, then get another one.

Let's get this out of the way: Fake plants or no?

There is this great debate, right? I'm not one of those plants snobs who thinks plants have to be alive to be giving life. There are some people who just can't keep a plant alive. They've tried and it's just not happening, or they have cats or kids or a dark room or allergies. But they love the thought of having greenery and that feeling of life in their home. There are so many options for beautiful faux greenery.

Are any of your rooms live-plant free?

I don't have any real plants in my bedroom, or any of the bedrooms. I get this feeling that there may be something creeping out of the leaves.

But you do have them in your bathrooms?

Yes, bathrooms are humid, and ours have windows. I can't deny plants all that humidity, and my eyes aren't closed when I'm in the bathroom so I don't have to worry about being surprised by a bug.

With 80 plants, you can't avoid bugs entirely, though, right?

No, you need to be okay with a few bugs flying around. They happen. You just have to look out for infestations, swarms of them, often from overwatering, and tackle them right away.

Where did this desire to care for plants take root?

I'm a caretaker. It's what I do. I chose to be that person to stay home and take care of our kids and our home. I've always had these little side hustles here and there (selling jewelry, operating an online store for vintage finds). I've always wanted to create a space that's happy to come home to.

Do you move your plants around to accommodate your redesigns?

No! Once a plant is happy and thriving, I leave it there. Nature wins. I'll move a couch. I'll paint a ceiling, but the plants live where they are the happiest. If I want that look of greenery or life in a certain area, I could use a fake plant.

How much time do you spend with your plants — do you have a schedule?

I am always walking around the house, touching my plants. The truth is that I am a lazy water-er, that's why I check in daily. I'm a bottom water-er as much as possible. I'll take a big container, fill it with water and put the plants in there to soak up what they need. My time with plants ebbs and flows with the seasons.

You call yourself a plant whisperer and plant designer. What's the difference between a plant expert, plant designer and plant collector?

I'm not an expert because I'm still learning and researching. Some plant collectors just have tons of plants, all gathered together, with no real design. That's wonderful, but that's not me. I love fashion. I love interior design. I'm intentional about how all the elements play off of one another.

Tell me about the house you grew up in.

I am a product of the '70s and '80s. My mother was big on warm colors. There was a lot of browns, a lot of wood, a lot of wicker and lots of plants. I know that look has become fashionable again, but I don't follow the trends to an obsession. If you do, then you risk letting those trends dictate who you are as a person, because I believe that's what your home is — a reflection of you.

Have a spot in mind for your next plant?

On my arm! I've been thinking about a tattoo, my first, with a vine that reaches from my hand and up to my elbow.

ANIMALS

GOOD BOY

Dog hailed as hero for alerting his owner to a neighborhood fire

Canines can detect fire because of their strong sense of smell and sound.

The local fire department gave Charlie a "junior firefighter" hat and a badge for his keen instincts, and neighbors made him a makeshift medal that says "HERO."

Charlie with his family, from left, Maggie, Chad, Lars and Lyndsay McCollum. "He was able to really make a difference when it was needed," Chad McCollum said. *Photos courtesy of Chad McCollum*

Sydney Page *Washington Post*

Charlie — a 2-year-old Australian labradoodle — rarely whines or barks.

"When he does, it gets our attention," said his owner, Chad McCollum.

McCollum said it was Charlie's incessant and uncharacteristic barking that alerted him to a fast-moving fire in his Clovis, California, neighborhood on April 28.

About 2:45 a.m., Charlie began barking relentlessly. McCollum and his wife were sleeping soundly and awoke to the commotion. McCollum decided to take the dog out to the yard, thinking Charlie might have to relieve himself. But he didn't. The barking got louder and more persistent.

"I was afraid he was going to wake the neighbors," said McCollum, who has two children, ages 10 and 13. "I was a little frustrated."

Charlie refused to come back inside, which was also unusual for him, and he continued barking toward one corner of the yard. McCollum checked out what the dog was fixated on. That's when he saw a faint orange glow and plumes of smoke two streets away.

"Oh, that's not right,'" McCollum recalled thinking.

A FIERY SCENE

He brought Charlie inside, put on shoes and sprinted to the scene, where he saw a growing blaze. An RV between two homes was on fire, and the flames were starting to spread to the exteriors of the adjacent houses.

McCollum called 911, then pounded on the front doors of both homes, yelling for the residents to wake up.

"I was running back-and-forth, just trying to bang on the doors," he said. "It's starting to be a pretty big fire at this point."

Within a few minutes, the families in both homes came outside, just as emergency-responders showed up. At that point, flames were about 20 feet tall, he said.

"The firefighters worked really quickly to put out the fire," said McCollum, who stayed with the families while the flames were being extinguished. "I was just in shock, as was everyone else."

When his neighbors — whom he did not know before the fire — tried to thank him for waking them and calling for help, McCollum replied: "It wasn't me. I would be dead asleep if it weren't for my dog."

"I wouldn't have woken up. There is no way," he said. "He alerted us to danger, and it made a difference."

Canines can, in fact, detect fire — because of their strong sense of smell and sound. In April, a dog in Florida alerted its owner to a nearby barn fire, and there are several similar stories of pets warning people about danger — and even rescuing them during a crisis.

McCollum said that his children were "super proud" of Charlie and gave him "good belly rubs and treats" after the fire. Beyond the companionship pets offer, "there's a reason we have them in our lives."

Stephen Quick, whose home was damaged in the fire, is grateful to Charlie for his sharp senses — which, he said, very well might have saved his family from a far worse outcome. He and his two teenage sons, as well as their two golden retrievers, managed to escape their home unscathed.

"We 100 percent would not be alive today if it weren't for Charlie," said Quick, explaining that none of the fire alarms in the house went off since the flames were outdoors. "If it weren't for Charlie, and if it weren't for Chad, we wouldn't be here."

"I have a lot of gratitude," Quick continued, adding that he and his sons delivered a basket of bones and treats to thank Charlie.

Quick and his sons are staying at a friend's house. The damage to their home, he said, is extensive, and they are going through an insurance assessment. He estimates that about half the house will need to be replaced, and the majority of the damage is to the roof and rafters.

After an investigation into the fire, authorities arrested a 47-year-old man on May 3, who police alleged threw several explosives at the RV, which was parked on the side yard of Quick's home. The man was arrested and charged with multiple felonies, including arson, child endangerment, stalking and possession of a destructive device.

"This was not a random act. It was targeted," said Ty Wood, a public information officer for the Clovis Police Department.

Wood and Quick declined to elaborate about why Quick's home would be targeted.

"Luckily there were no injuries," Wood said. If not for Charlie and his owner's rapid response, "it could have been much worse."

To commemorate Charlie's lifesaving instincts, the Clovis Fire Department gave him a "junior firefighter" hat and a badge, and neighbors made him a makeshift medal that says "HERO" on it.

"The incident is a great reminder that dogs are amazing," the fire department wrote in a Facebook post.

McCollum agreed.

"It gave me a bigger appreciation for my dog," he said. "He was able to really make a difference when it was needed."

RESCUE ADOPTION

A year after losing a baby, this mom saved an older dog

Vanessa Arredondo *Los Angeles Times*

Trish Bauer was scrolling on Instagram one sleepless night in December when she came across a post from a dog rescue page that made her pause.

A 12-year-old, 90-pound German shepherd "with kind eyes" appeared in a video, and the dog named Wilbur was going to be euthanized if he didn't find a home soon.

Bauer, who had given birth to a stillborn baby in February 2022, felt a pang when she read the text below the dog in the video: "I need someone to save me right now or else I'll be put to sleep."

"Something about his eyes just called to me," Bauer said. "He was so defeated, and I knew that same feeling, like life had just given up on him."

Without hesitation, she commented on the post by FurryTail Endings, offering to foster Wilbur for a day in her San Bernardino, California, home, if other offers fell through. "I told myself I was freaking crazy for even commenting because I was terrified of dogs," Bauer said.

The next morning, she woke up to an Instagram message from the rescue that said all the other offers had fallen through, and if no one picked up the German shepherd, he'd be put down in 30 minutes.

Bauer and her very surprised 10-year-old daughter Lilly were soon on their way to the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter in Jurupa Valley to pick up Wilbur.

The Bauer family, Trish, 34, Josh, 36, and Lily, 10, hug their rescued German shepherd Cooper at Wildwood Park in San Bernardino, California. *Gina Ferazzi, Los Angeles Times*

"I literally took a cat leash to get this 90-pound dog," Bauer said. "My daughter really thought I lost my mind."

Lilly was born with a rare form of bone cancer called Ewing sarcoma. She was cancer-free just before her first birthday, but it took several years for her immune system to recover and allow her to be around animals.

Within the past few years, the family has fostered more than 250 kittens, but a 90-pound dog was a whole different animal.

When they arrived at the shelter, they were told that Wilbur was three dogs away from being put down. Wilbur walked over to Lilly, gently put his head in her hands and licked her.

"I love dogs, but I've always been scared of them," Lilly said. "But with (him), it's just like a whole 'nother world. It's like he's from another dimension. He's old, but he has such a great and big heart."

The Bauers left the shelter with Wilbur — and five other puppies that were soon adopted.

After his stay at the Bauer home, Wilbur was sent to a new foster family that had three other dogs. Just a day later, on Christmas Day, Bauer received a call that one of the dogs at Wilbur's new home was being aggressive toward him.

Bauer and her husband, Josh Bauer, decided to go get Wilbur. They renamed him Cooper and made him a permanent member of the family.

"We knew that we could not let this dog be put down just because nobody had loved him," Trish Bauer said.

But the difficulties didn't end there. A veterinarian found a cancerous tumor in Cooper's neck. And just like that, the Bauers were again supporting a loved one fighting cancer.

"Most people would be terrified, but for me, it was the biggest sign that this dog was meant to be in our lives," Trish Bauer said. "For the last 10 years, all that our family has known is how to fight cancer. Without us agreeing to fight for him and be his family, he had no chance."

Cooper was not healthy enough for surgery. The vets found markings on his mouth, teeth and paws, as if he had been in a lot of fights, Bauer said. He might have been on the streets for about five years. The vets said he would need two months to gain 10 pounds and become stronger.

Cooper began accompanying Bauer, a photographer, to Laguna Beach, Joshua Tree and snowy mountains. Three weeks and 20 pounds later, he was cleared for surgery.

After the procedure, Cooper, with his 42 stitches, "shrugged himself off the leash from the tech and ran all the way down the hall to us," Bauer said.

"In that moment, we all knew that he was more than a rescue," she added.

A month later, the vet called to tell the family that Cooper was cancer-free. The Bauers officially adopted Cooper on Feb. 11, exactly one year after Trish Bauer lost her baby daughter, Millie.

"Days when I'm depressed or sad thinking about the past year, he's always there to cheer me up," Josh Bauer said of Cooper. "He's the best friend I've needed, and it makes me want to get out of the house, take him on walks and just live every day to its fullest."

MOVIES

NOW IN THEATERS

How 'The Flash,' many years in the works and beset by turmoil, finally reached the finish line

During the extensive post-production on "The Flash," star Ezra Miller started making headlines for a string of arrests and reports of erratic behavior last year. *Warner Bros. Pictures*

The Flash may be one of the quickest superheroes in the comics, but getting a movie made based on the characters has been a marathon, dating back, in some ways, to the late 1980s.

Michael Keaton returns as Batman 30 years after first portraying the caped crusader. The Batmobile from the original Tim Burton movies also appears. *Warner Bros. Pictures*

Lindsey Bahr *Associated Press*

There were many stressful things about making "The Flash" and getting it to theaters. It was shot in the middle of a pandemic. There was isolation from friends and family for the 138-day shoot. There were A-list schedules to coordinate for cameos. There was a star in Ezra Miller who, after it wrapped, made headlines for legal run-ins amid a mental health crisis. And behind it all, a studio undergoing leadership changes and rethinking the whole DC Comics strategy.

But first, they had to figure out how to transport a two-ton Batmobile from Los Angeles to the U.K. amid a worldwide shortage of shipping containers in 2021.

This was not just any Batmobile, mind you. It was one of the originals from the Tim Burton movies that was needed for the grand return of Michael Keaton's caped crusader after 30 years — a major production that also involved building, from scratch, a life-size replica of the Batcave.

Director Andy Muschietti and his sister, producer Barbara Muschietti, waited nervously for its arrival worried whether it would make it in time or just be stuck in the middle of the ocean. They breathed a sigh of relief when it made it ashore, briefly celebrated and moved on to the next problem: how to get it into the Batcave at Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden. Ultimately it involved a loading it onto a modified airport cargo truck that was lifted 20 feet (6 meters) in the air and "gently rolled" onto set.

"Everything came with a little adventure," Barbara Muschietti said with a laugh in a recent interview with the Associated Press.

It's an apt if intentionally understated description of getting "The Flash" into theaters on June 16. Movie versions of the lightning-quick comic book character have been in various stages of development since the late 1980s. One scenario had Ryan Reynolds starring and David S. Goyer directing; another had George Miller setting the stage for spinoffs and standalones with Adam Brody.

Then in 2014, things started taking shape as Warner Bros. plotted out a shared universe of DC Comics films, including a standalone Flash starring Miller as Barry Allen, who would first appear in "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," "Suicide Squad" and "Justice League."

But even that wasn't so straightforward, with disagreements over tone and scheduling conflicts making things complicated. Several writers and directors cycled in and out of developing "The Flash," including Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, Seth Grahame-Smith, Rick Famuyiwa, Robert Zemeckis and John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, and release dates were pushed back. Ezra Miller even worked on their own treatment of a script.

The Muschiettis were finishing "It Chapter Two" when the studio approached them about "The Flash." They didn't concern themselves with the messy, marathon development history — they just wanted to figure out if this was worth several years of their life. In the story, Andy Muschietti found a compelling emotional core: The relationship between Barry Allen and his mother, who was killed when he was a child and whom he wants to go back in time to save. "Back to the Future," which is referenced quite a bit in "The Flash," was one of their favorite movies, too. They were in.

"Birds of Prey" screenwriter Christina Hobson had taken a crack at the story and come out with something that was both fun and emotional and introduced the multiverse to the DC canon. In Barry Allen's quest to save his mother, he accidentally gets tossed into another timeline and meets a younger, different version of himself who gets swept up in the journey. It allowed for lots of possibilities, including bringing Keaton back in a movie that also had Ben Affleck's "Zack Snyder Batman."

"We all got very excited about the prospect of having Michael Keaton come back after 30 years of not knowing what Batman was up to," Andy Muschietti said. "The multiverse allowed this to happen and combine the existing characters, the existing universe, with something that seemed to have been buried in the past."

They told Keaton, who jogged to their lunch meeting in Brentwood, they wouldn't be able to do the film without him. They wanted to find his Bruce Wayne in a place people wouldn't expect. By the end of lunch, Keaton had agreed and jogged off.

"I didn't want him to be sitting near the fireplace, like staring out of a glass of whiskey," Andy Muschietti said. "I knew he was going to transform back into Batman so I needed him to be in a place that made that transformation possible in the tradition of a reluctant hero."

Keaton's Batman was also due to make a return in the standalone "Batgirl" movie which was ultimately shelved close to completion.

"The Flash" has other nostalgic nods, including an army of cameos best left unspoiled, that helps set the stage for a "universe reboot." While making the film, big leadership changes were afoot at Warner Bros. and, specifically, DC Studios, where new co-chairs and CEOs James Gunn and Peter Safran were tasked with plotting the future of the DC Universe characters, from Superman to Batman. That new vision won't officially begin until Gunn's new Superman movie in 2025, but he's also said that "The Flash," though technically from a previous regime, "resets the entire DC universe."

But then during the extensive post-production on "The Flash," its star, Miller, also started making headlines for a string of arrests and reports of erratic behavior last year. They were arrested twice last year in Hawaii, including for disorderly conduct and harassment at a karaoke bar. In January, they pleaded guilty to a charge stemming from a break-in and theft of alcohol at a neighbor's home in Vermont. They avoided jail time but paid a $500 fine and got a year of probation, agreeing to abide by a number of conditions including continued mental health treatment.

Though some questioned whether "The Flash" should be shelved, the studio remained committed to releasing it on June 16 even without their star on the promotional circuit.

"We're in contact with them. They love the movie. They support the movie. And they're taking their treatment very seriously," said Barbara Muschietti of Miller. "We want everybody to see this. It's great and it's special. And it has all our hearts and guts."

While early hyperbole abounded with people like Gunn calling it one of the best superhero movies he'd ever seen, reviews have indeed been mostly very positive with lots of praise for Miller's dual roles.

"What you get is this delicious odd couple," Barbara Muschietti. "You forget that they're the same actor."

There are even rumors that the Muschiettis' DC relationship will continue with future films. But right now, the focus is "The Flash."

"Let's just wait and see," Andy Muschietti said.

TELEVISION

EMMYS 2023

Which departing series will earn a grand send-off?

"Succession" and "Ted Lasso" could earn series Emmys for their final seasons. How might other departing shows fare with voters?

Jeremy Strong, left, Sarah Snook and Kieran Culkin portray siblings in HBO's "Succession." *HBO, TNS*

Glenn Whipp *Los Angeles Times*

TV shows overstay their welcome more often than not. The phrase "jump the shark," the erosion of quality, the exhaustion of inspiration, comes from a television series after all. (Funny — or frightening — to think that the Fonz and "Happy Days" would continue six full seasons after Henry Winkler paired water skis with his signature leather jacket in that 1977 episode.)

But it doesn't have to end in failure. Several programs — "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Schitt's Creek," "Everybody Loves Raymond," "The Sopranos" and "Breaking Bad" among them — won series Emmys for their final seasons. "Game of Thrones" did too, though nearly 2 million of its fans have signed a petition demanding that the show's creators rewrite and reshoot the entire closing chapter.

This year, it's possible that both "Succession" and "Ted Lasso" will win the series Emmys for their final seasons, though, at the time I'm writing this, we're not even sure that "Ted Lasso" won't be returning in some form or another, even without Jason Sudeikis and the title character.

(Please don't become "AfterMASH," please don't become "AfterMASH" ...)

And they aren't the only departing shows in contention this year. What kind of send-off should the dearly departed expect from voters?

'Succession'

Seasons: Four
Emmy nominations: 48
Emmy wins: 13
Jumped the shark? Try "entered the pantheon" instead.

Outlook: "Succession" won the Emmy for drama series the last two years and would appear poised (OK, it's pretty much guaranteed) to prevail again. The real suspense come Emmy night will revolve around how many Emmys "Succession" will win and which cast members will go home with a trophy. The lead actor race is particularly loaded now that Kieran Culkin has decided to move up from supporting, joining Brian Cox and past winner Jeremy Strong. Cox could have shifted to supporting given his early departure in the season, but that wouldn't be true to the actor — or the character he plays.

Jason Sudeikis, center, Brendan Hunt, left, and Brett Goldstein star in the season three finale of "Ted Lasso." *Colin Hutton, Apple TV via AP*

'Ted Lasso'

Seasons: Three
Emmy nominations: 40
Emmy wins: 11
Jumped the shark? Let's just say they probably made the right call to end it at three.

Outlook: The show's third season featured episodes that usually ran about an hour, packed with sentiment that could sometimes be a bit cloying, even by "Ted Lasso" standards, and diversions (the Keeley/Jack relationship, for one) that could be exasperating by any measure. Worse, the story redeemed Nate in about the time it takes for Ted to deliver biscuits to Rebecca each morning. And yet ... a great many people adore the characters and the kind, caring universe they inhabit. Never underestimate a show that gets in folks' feelings like "Ted Lasso" does.

'Better Call Saul'

Seasons: Six
Emmy nominations: 46
Emmy wins: 0
Jumped the shark? Never. Some even rate it above "Breaking Bad" as one of the best dramas in television history.

Outlook: If voters were to come to their senses and finally give "Better Call Saul" something, anything, it probably would have happened at last year's Emmys, which took place about a month after the show's satisfying, devastating finale. That episode aired in August, making it too late to be eligible for 2022 ... and probably too early to be remembered in 2023. Expect more nominations, but at this point, "Saul" should wear its O-fer like a badge of honor.

'Barry'

Seasons: Four
Emmy nominations: 44
Emmy wins: Nine
Jumped the shark? More like shot the shark.

Outlook: Too brilliant to be ignored, too dark and weird to win broad support for a series win, "Barry" will likely earn another pile of nominations, hopefully folding back in Sarah Goldberg and Stephen Root. Bill Hader won the comedy lead actor honor for the show's first two seasons, but he'll probably be cheering (like the rest of us) when Jeremy Allen White takes the stage for "The Bear." Hader could still win an Emmy though. He directed all eight episodes of "Barry's" final season, building on the boundary-pushing work he did in two of the greatest half-hours of television I've ever seen — the exhilarating "710N" and the terrifying "ronny/lily" episodes. Hader has simply become a master at mixing tones. I can't wait to see where he goes next.

'The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel'

Seasons: Five
Emmy nominations: 66
Emmy wins: 20
Jumped the shark? Nope. Creator Amy Sherman-Palladino mapped out a grand finale.

Outlook: 16 of the show's 20 Emmy wins came for its first two seasons, including a comedy series trophy in its inaugural year. "Maisel" remains a strong bet to earn the usual round of nominations for series, costumes, music and the like. And actors Rachel Brosnahan, Tony Shalhoub and Alex Borstein — all of whom own Emmys for their work on the series — are automatic choices. But "Ted Lasso" and "Abbott Elementary" have stolen the spotlight, so it's difficult to see it winning any of the top-line awards.

'Atlanta'

Seasons: Four
Emmy nominations: 25
Emmy wins: Six
Jumped the shark: Season 3 was ... interesting

Outlook: "Atlanta" was one of the most celebrated shows on television for its first two seasons, earning 22 Emmy nominations and universal acclaim for the way it blended experimental and surreal elements with comedy that was playful and often profound. Then it went away for four years, returned with an unfocused set of episodes set in Europe and lost most of its audience. Its fourth season, if not quite a full return to glory, had some excellent moments, enough to warrant consideration. But it aired last fall and does not appear to have held a for-your-consideration event for voters.

'Dead to Me'

Seasons: Three
Emmy nominations: Five
Emmy wins: 0
Jumped the shark? No. But the co-dependency between Christina Applegate and Linda Cardellini's characters couldn't have survived one additional minute.

Outlook: Applegate and Cardellini landed nominations for the program's stellar first season and then went missing (as did the entire series) after a so-so follow-up. The third season's focus on the women's friendship righted the ship, and the "Beaches"-esque finale left fans sobbing. That should be enough to earn the actors nominations again. That Applegate was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis while shooting the season, worked through her limitations and delivered her usual sparkling comic perfection could even boost her to a win.

WHAT TO WATCH

'Righteous Gemstones' lifestyle comes at a price in season three

PICK OF THE WEEK

"THE RIGHTEOUS GEMSTONES"
Sunday, 10 p.m., HBO

When the spoiled Gemstone children finally get their wish to take control of the church, they discover leadership is harder than they imagined and that their extravagant lifestyle comes with a heavy price. Season 3 guest stars include Shea Whigham, Iliza Shlesinger, Stephen Dorff, Casey Wilson, and Luka Haas.

TELEVISION

"The Walking Dead: Dead City": The first to arrive of three planned spinoffs from the recently concluded AMC staple "The Walking Dead," the six-episode "Dead City" focuses on the characters of Maggie (Lauren Cohan) and Negan (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) as they battle for survival in what remains of Manhattan multiple years after the events of TWD's finale — giving the new show a dense urban setting that was mostly absent from the original series.

STREAMING

"Secret Invasion": The first TV series in Phase 5 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe returns MCU film regular Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury as he attempts to prevent an impending invasion of Earth by a faction of Skrulls, a shapeshifting alien race, led by Kingsley Ben-Adir's Gravik. (Begins streaming Wednesday, Disney+)

"And Just Like That...": The "Sex and the City" sequel series returns for a second season that will feature the return of John Corbett's Aidan as well as new characters played by Tony Danza (he's actually playing himself) and pop star Sam Smith. (Begins streaming Thursday, Max)

"The Bear": The series follows a one-time fine-dining chef (Golden Globe winner Jeremy Allen White) who takes over the family's Chicago sandwich shop after the death of his brother. This second season picks up following the events of last year's finale and thus finds the crew attempting to open a new higher-end restaurant — a goal that brings fresh obstacles. (Begins streaming Thursday, Hulu)

HOME VIDEO/ ON-DEMAND

"John Wick: Chapter 4": Keanu Reeves returns as the taciturn assassin, who finds himself fighting for his freedom through Osaka, Berlin and Paris in this fourth installment.

"The Pope's Exorcist": Horror thriller featuring Russell Crowe as the Vatican priest entrusted with carrying out exorcisms when a case of demonic possession arises.

"Polite Society": Martial-arts action comedy about a British Pakistani teen who wants nothing more than to be a stuntwoman and one day apprentice with her Marvel hero.

"Sweetwater": Historical sports drama chronicling the achievement of basketball great Nat Clifton, who was among the first Black players to join the NBA in 1950.

"Mood": BBC America limited series that follows an aspiring rap artist as she navigates life, including social media pitfalls and personal independence.

Wire services

TRAVEL

MISSOURI

For a golfing vacation, Branson is a 'world-class destination'

In addition to the five Big Cedar courses, Branson has five more golf courses open for tourists.

Ozarks National is among five golf courses at Big Cedar Lodge near Branson, Missouri. · *Big Cedar Lodge photos*

Payne's Valley pays homage to golf legend Payne Stewart, who grew up in Springfield, Missouri.

Ozarks National embraces the hills and valleys of the natural Ozarks terrain.

Amy Bertrand *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

Kirk Elmquist wants Missouri golfers to know how lucky they are.

"I think the world has recognized Big Cedar as one of the top resorts to play golf, and it's right here in your backyard," says Elmquist, the executive director for the Branson/Lakes Area Tourism Community Enhancement District and an avid golfer himself.

"When you have a Rolls-Royce development and resort like the Big Cedar Lodge, it's a wonderful story to be told. I don't know where else you can find courses designed by Tom Fazio, Ben Crenshaw, Gary Player, Tiger Woods all in the same spot."

And to make it even more enticing, in addition to the five Big Cedar courses, Branson has five more golf courses open for tourists. "You've got a world-class destination for any golfer — we can hit any skill range, and it's affordable," Elmquist says.

From 2014 to 2019, the PGA Tour Legends of Golf was played at Big Cedar, which may have begun putting the courses on the worldwide radar. It was the first time a tour event used a par-3 course: Top of the Rock at Big Cedar Lodge. The three-day event was played on all the courses at Big Cedar at various times.

But for those, like me, who aren't exactly great golfers, Elmquist, who used to run the Legends of Golf tournament, recommends starting out at Gary Player's Mountain Top course. It's a par-3, 13-hole walking course. And the views are nothing short of everything you'd hope for from Mother Nature in the Ozarks. The courses themselves are tourist attractions, for golfers and nongolfers alike. At many, a nongolfer can ride along with golfers and enjoy the scenery. After, nongolfers are welcome for a drink at the clubhouses.

My sons recently played Top of the Rock, and I got to tag along. The beauty of the course was breathtaking, from the waterfalls, bridges and stone work surrounding them to the views of Table Rock Lake around every turn.

"And you should see it in spring, when all the flowers are blooming," a pro shop worker told me.

All five of Big Cedar Lodge's golf courses now are certified as Audubon International Signature Sanctuary locations, a testament to Big Cedar and founder Johnny Morris' devotion to conservation. The designation is given to wildlife conservation and habitat enhancement, water quality monitoring and management, integrated pest management, water conservation, energy efficiency, waste reduction and management, and green building products and procedures.

Here is a guide to the courses in Branson, with information provided by Dan Shepherd, former editor of Golf Inc. Magazine as well as golf course websites and Elmquist. For more information on a golf vacation, go to explorebranson.com.

THE BIG CEDAR COURSES

Payne's Valley: (18 holes; bigcedar.com/golf/paynes-valley-course/; rates start at $165): The newest course to debut may be the most exciting yet. It's an 18-hole championship course paying homage to golf legend Payne Stewart, who grew up in Springfield, Missouri.

It's the first public-access course designed by Tiger Woods. After the 18th hole, you cross a bridge with a waterfall for a bonus 19th hole. "We call it the settle-up hole," says Elmquist, in case any bets need to be settled from the course before you leave through a cave trail tour and head into the clubhouse.

Buffalo Ridge Springs: (18 holes; bigcedar.com/golf/buffalo-ridge-springs-course/; rates start at $165): With buffalo grazing in a big pen visible from several holes, this course comes by its name quite literally. It's the oldest course but redesigned by Morris and renowned golf course architect Tom Fazio. It's a thrilling course with several unforgettable holes — from brawny, long ones to subtle and tricky shorter ones.

Ozarks National: (18 holes; bigcedar.com/golf/ozarks-national-course/; rates start at $165): This course debuted in May 2019 and its design embraces the hills and valleys of the natural Ozarks terrain.

Designed by architect duo Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, no two holes are alike and one could play it dozens of times and continue finding new wrinkles to appreciate.

Mountain Top: (18 holes; bigcedar.com/golf/mountain-top-course/; rates start at $165): A walking only, 13-hole short course, Mountain Top was designed by golf legend Gary Player and Morris. Intertwined through unforgettable rock formations, Mountain Top includes some of the most dramatic views in the Ozarks.

During excavations to build it, 300-million-year-old limestone formations were revealed and have become part of the course. Elmquist says it is the least busy of the five Big Cedar courses.

Top of the Rock: (9 holes; rates start at $75): With a par of 27 (9 holes, each par 3), you may be fooled into thinking this is an easy course. It's not. In fact, World Golf Hall of Fame member Gary Player calls this Jack-Nicklaus-designed creation the best he's ever played. Be sure to stop and have a drink at Arnie's Barn, a 150-year-old barn relocated from Arnold Palmer's backyard in Pennsylvania and now a casual bar and restaurant. It's connected to a building with the wonderfully curated Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum and the upscale Osage Restaurant.

OTHER BRANSON COURSES

Branson Hills (18 holes, bransonhillsgolfclub.com; rates start at $109): Golfers know they're in for a treat as they step to the first tee box at Branson Hills, designed by Chuck Smith and Bobby Clampett.

Elevated, it looks down on a serpentine-like hole that winds down to a devilish green that slopes hard from back to front. Make sure to stay below the hole on your approach shot or say hello to 3 or 4 putts.

AIRPORT SECURITY

TSA PreCheck membership is soaring. Here's how to join.

Sally French *NerdWallet*

The number of people enrolled in TSA PreCheck just set a record high — as did the number of people applying to join.

The Transportation Security Administration said in March that TSA PreCheck surpassed 15 million active members, marking an all-time high since the program launched in December 2013.

And the number of people applying seems to be growing. The TSA said that on Feb. 21, a record 19,200 people applied for membership on a single day.

It is one of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Trusted Traveler Programs, which includes others like Global Entry and Nexus. If approved, travelers can pass through airport security without taking off their shoes or belts. They can also leave electronics and compliant liquids inside their bags.

And without all that fumbling around of clothes, shoes and laptops, the program tends to improve security wait times. Across airports that have separate PreCheck lanes, the TSA says, 92% of members wait less than five minutes for security screening.

MORE MEMBERS COULD BE GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

"If everyone had TSA PreCheck, overall wait times would be shorter because travelers wouldn't be required to take off shoes or remove electronics," said Scott Keyes, founder of travel deals site Going.

It enables more people to funnel through security in the same period of time.

"If there are 20 people in the regular line and even 30 in the PreCheck lane, those 30 are probably still getting through faster," says Daniel Green, co-founder of Faye Travel Insurance.

It's not unlike the express checkout at the grocery store, reserved for people with, say, 10 items or fewer. Thirty shoppers with just five items almost always check out faster than 20 customers each with a cart full of groceries.

But if more people end up with TSA PreCheck, will that just shift those long queues to the TSA PreCheck line?

Harriet Baskas, who runs a blog called Stuck at the Airport, has that exact worry.

"Now that more people have (it) ... the PreCheck lines at many airports are getting longer," she says. "Sometimes it feels as if — and in some cases it really is the case — that PreCheck lanes are longer than regular lines."

But this concern assumes that airports will continue to maintain the same number of PreCheck lines as they have had, even as enrollment figures grow.

"My guess is, if more people had (it), they would convert more lanes to PreCheck lanes," Green says.

His theory is founded on one of the strongest motivations of them all: money.

"Let's not forget that there's an incentive for having more people in PreCheck, as travelers pay for this perk," he says, in reference to the fee needed to apply for membership.

HOW TO APPLY (AND SKIP PAYING THE APPLICATION FEE)

Apply by filling out an online application on the TSA website. It takes about five minutes to complete and requires you to enter personal information such as name, gender, email address and phone number.

After that, you'll schedule an in-person interview at an enrollment center where you'll go through a background check and fingerprinting.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MHSAA STATE FINALS

Championship dreams fulfilled as prep season comes to a close

The Michigan High School Athletic Association wrapped up its 2022-23 school year by crowning state champions in girls soccer, baseball and softball Friday and Saturday on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. Above, Hudsonville Unity Christian celebrated its dominant run en route to the Division 3 soccer title by defeating Grosse Ile 3-0. The Crusaders outscored its opponents 35-0 during the tournament. Below, the Beal City baseball team, left, and Standish-Sterling softball squad won state semifinal games Friday to advance. For final results and updated coverage, go online at **mlive.com/sports.** *Photos by Jake May and Rodney Coleman-Robinson, MLive.com*

GOLF

Major test awaits LPGA golfers at historic Baltusrol

Ayaka Furue takes midway lead at this week's Meijer LPGA Classic in West Michigan.

Chris Faytok *Advance Local*

The stretch of the unprecedented 'Year of Women's Golf in New Jersey' comes to a crescendo next week at historic Baltusrol Golf Club, with a major — the 69th KPMG Women's PGA Championship tournament — played on the Lower Course, beginning Thursday.

New Jersey courses hosted three tournaments in the past four weeks on the LPGA Tour, with events at Upper Montclair, Liberty National and Seaview, but the final tournament on the N.J. rotation is one of the LPGA Tour's five majors.

Baltusrol hosted the men's PGA Championship in 2005 and 2016, as well as the U.S. Open, on seven occasions, but this will be the first women's major for the Springfield club since it hosted the U.S. Women's Open in 1985.

"For us to have this opportunity. For the girls to play a golf course like this," two-time major champion Stacy Lewis said, "this is a true major test."

The women will get the first major crack at a redesigned course. Gil Hanse completed a significant restoration of Baltusrol's Lower Course in 2021 with the intention to return the course to the vision of the original architect, A.W. Tillinghast.

"Gil was given the task of basically putting back Tillinghast's identity back into the property," said Greg Boring, director of grounds at Baltusrol.

There are plenty of changes throughout the course — bunkers have been added, removed — and moved. Greens and green complexes have been redesigned. Many greens have been enlarged to reclaim lost dimensions over the years.

The course is in phenomenal shape — and despite a relatively dry spring, the rough is, um — rough. Add a couple days of expected rain this week and it could thicken even more before play begins. The rough just off the fairways is already healthy, and in most places, is the thickest on the course.

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STATE SPORTS

Detroit Lions tight end Sam LaPorta catches a pass during an offseason workout earlier this month. LaPorta, a second-round pick this year, is displaying plenty of athleticism. *Associated Press files*

NFL

Strong spring adds to the hype for Lions' rookie tight end

Second-round draft pick Sam LaPorta headlines strong position group for Detroit.

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ALLEN PARK — Detroit Lions rookie tight end Sam LaPorta shined through every stage of the offseason program.

LaPorta popped at rookie minicamp, flashed his versatility at Organized Team Activities and ended the spring by shining at mandatory minicamp.

The tight end's ability to hold his own speaks well for the team's already humming offense to hit another level. LaPorta looked the part, with sure hands through the spring and an impressive athletic ability after the catch.

"That is probably top three in terms of toughest positions to play in this offense because there is so much on their plate," Lions offensive coordinator Ben Johnson said. "It's run-game, it's pass-game, its protection, and they had the least amount of meeting time, truthfully ... so what he has been doing so far has been pretty remarkable when you see the growth that they have already made in just a couple weeks on the field.

"Sam LaPorta has been impressive for a rookie, in terms of digesting the offense right now. James Mitchell has made great strides going into year two. I see Brock Wright getting better every day. Right now, Shane Zylstra is doing the same thing, so there is a lot of really encouraging things coming out of that room."

That said, LaPorta is the cream of the crop at the position in Detroit and he has done solid work silencing critics of his selection at the top of Round 2. LaPorta has flashed chemistry with whatever quarterback was throwing his way — Jared Goff, Nate Sudfeld or Adrian Martinez.

"I mean, I always make this argument, besides the quarterback, the tight ends have to know more than anybody else offensively," third-year coach Dan Campbell said. "You've got to know it all. So, I think that's why you don't always see that. Well, it's one of the reasons why we drafted LaPorta because we think he can handle a lot. We think he's got versatility. Physically, he can do a little bit of everything, but also, mentally, he's pretty sharp for a rookie. Now he's got growing pains. He's already gone the wrong way a couple of times, but that's going to happen. But we think this guy is — that he'll be able to pick this up pretty quick as he gets reps. So, we're pretty hopeful that this guy can come on sooner than later."

That would be a boost to one of the league's top offenses.

Johnson was one of the hottest names entering the coaching carousel, and he's back for his second year of calling the shots. Goff is fresh off one of, if not the most impressive stretches of his career, with his turnover-free streak still rolling. And the offensive line is back, with more depth, not to mention a remade running back room that looks better on paper.

The Lions got the most out of their tight ends after trading T.J. Hockenson at the deadline last season. They set the single-season franchise record for touchdowns by the position. And Wright fit the style they wanted to play, more heavy-set formations, making one of the more memorable plays of the year. But LaPorta represents a talent upgrade, bringing a different flavor on Day 1. No college tight end lined up outside more than LaPorta last season, and he was dangerous on Iowa's offense over the middle.

And LaPorta has made the most of his chances against the first-team defense, looking like one of the top players during second-team reps.

"He gets himself open. He's able to separate. He's got great hands," Goff said. "He's done a hell of a job."

BASEBALL

Castro embraces fresh start in Minnesota

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MINNEAPOLIS — Willi Castro was surprised and disappointed when the Detroit Tigers told him he was no longer in their plans.

Then he decided to embrace the future.

On Thursday, he faced his old team for the first time as a member of the Minnesota Twins — seven months after the Tigers declined to offer him a contract for 2023.

"I never thought it would happen," he said. "Honestly, I was not feeling good. When they told me, I was down for about two days. I didn't want to do anything.

"But then I just thought about moving forward. I'm going to get an opportunity with another team. I'm not going to keep my head down."

Castro said he had multiple offers, but signed a minor-league deal with the Twins for two reasons. His agent determined that he had a fair and reasonable shot to win an Opening Day roster spot; and everyone he talked to praised the Twins as a first-class organization.

"I talked to (Jorge) Polanco before signing the contract. He said it was a good organization and I should come here. I talked to (Luis) Arráez before he was traded. He said I should come here. So I talked to my agent and said, 'I've made a decision. I want to go to Minnesota.'"

Castro made the team out of spring training and has five home runs and 13 stolen bases. The Twins are in first place and favorites to represent the AL Central in the playoffs.

"I just feel really comfortable," Castro said. "I like my teammates. It's a winning team. I feel really great to be in this organization ... Everybody cares about you."

Castro came up in the Cleveland organization and came to the Tigers in 2018 in exchange for outfielder Leonys Martin. After making his debut in 2019, Castro hit well in the COVID-shortened 2020 season and was penciled in as a starting shortstop in 2021 under new manager A.J. Hinch.

That didn't last long, as he struggled on defense. But Castro started to find a new niche as an athletic super-utility man in 2022.

Minnesota's Willi Castro high-fives teammates after hitting a home run earlier this month. Castro played with the Tigers from 2019-22. *Stacy Bengs, Associated Press*

"That was a big step for me as a player, playing all those positions," Castro said. "I think it really opened more doors for me. I really thank A.J. Hinch because he was the one who told me to play outfield. The first day that I went to practice, I looked like a natural outfielder. Every time I went out there, I tried to get better."

Hinch praised Castro's willingness to try new things during the 2022 season.

"Willi is easy to root for. He was beloved by a lot of teammates. He was willing to do anything," Hinch said Thursday. "When I got here, all the talk was about him being the starting shortstop and he'd had the breakthrough season during the COVID year. We moved him to second, we moved him to the outfield, we moved him up and down the (batting) order.

"I watched Willi do a lot of different things and I loved his versatility. He responded with a willingness to do anything, and it's paid off for him. I love that he's playing with freedom which means he's maturing."

BASEBALL

Detroit Tigers open Minnesota series with back-to-back victories

MINNEAPOLIS — Javier Baez hit a three-run homer and a patchwork of pitchers outdueled one of the best young arms in baseball to lead the Detroit Tigers to a 7-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Friday night at Target Field.

The Tigers (29-39) won the first two games of this weekend's four-game series against the Twins. The series finale is at 2:10 p.m. today.

The Tigers jumped on Twins starter Joe Ryan for five runs in the third inning using both big hits and small ones. Matt Vierling, Eric Haase, Jonathan Schoop and Zach McKinstry opened the inning with singles. After a couple of outs, including a sacrifice fly by Kerry Carpenter, Baez smashed a ball down the left-field line.

The Tigers added another run in the fourth when Matt Vierling hit a 428-foot solo shot to in left field.

GOLF

Exemptions given for Detroit PGA event

Two of the top young golfers in the U.S. are set to tee it up at Detroit's PGA event. Organizers of the Rocket Mortgage Classic announced top-ranked amateur Gordon Sargent and Masters breakout Sam Bennett have been awarded sponsor exemptions for Detroit Golf Club June 27 to July 2.

The 2022 amateur champion, Bennett finished tied for 16th at Augusta National to complete the best finish by an amateur in nearly 20 years.

Sargent, 20, won the NCAA Division I men's individual championship in 2022 as a freshman at Vanderbilt.

The golfers join an impressive field that includes 12 of the top 50 players in the world rankings.

Justin Thomas, a two-time major champion, said he will play in the event for the first time and 2021 Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama committed on Monday.

Max Homa (No. 7), Tony Finau (No. 12), Collin Morikawa (No. 18), Tom Kim (No. 21) and Keegan Bradley (No. 24) have also committed, along with PGA Tour veterans Ricky Fowler and Kevin Kisner.

Grounds tickets start at $65 per day.

Juszczyk wins Michigan Open

After three days of sitting on the leaderboard at the Michigan Open, Joe Juszczyk finished at the top Thursday afternoon.

Juszczyk, of Dearborn Heights, shot 2-under-par 69 at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins Course for a 72-hole total of 280 and a two-shot victory over amateur Charles DeLong, of DeWitt, and fellow mini-tour player James Holley, of Howell.

Juszczyk, 36, has status on the Canadian PGA Tour and plays the mini-tours while trying to keep his dream of playing on the PGA Tour alive.

"It's a tough road, especially if you can't handle the failures along the way and just be patient," he said. "I've worked at being patient. Seriously though, I have thought about quitting a handful of times since I was 28 or 29, but I'm a golfer and I keep going.

"I just try to keep my head down and keep playing. I have to take care of my business, and if that's good enough, it's good enough."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

U-M to open season against UNC Asheville

Michigan basketball's nonconference schedule is starting to take shape.

The Wolverines will travel to New York; the Bahamas; Charlotte, N.C.; and Eugene, Oregon, during the 2023-24 season. On Wednesday, the program announced it will host UNC Asheville to open the season on Nov. 7.

UNC Asheville went 27-8 last season, a program record for wins and winning percentage, and made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2015.

Michigan will travel to New York to play St. John's in a Gavitt Games matchup on Nov. 13 and will visit the Bahamas Nov. 22-24 to compete in the Battle 4 Atlantis — a tournament that includes Arkansas, Memphis, North Carolina, Northern Iowa, Stanford, Texas Tech and Villanova.

Michigan travels to Oregon on Dec. 2 and faces Florida in the Jumpman Invitational in Charlotte Dec. 19.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Top teams set for 'Battle at the Big House'

Michigan's high school football season will kick off on the big stage in Ann Arbor, with 12 teams traveling to Michigan Stadium for Week 1 games.

This year's 'Battle at the Big House' features three state finalists and several other powerhouse programs for a two-day event beginning Thursday, Aug. 24.

Lake Orion and Livonia Stevenson will get things started with a noon kickoff on Thursday, followed by South Lyon East against White Lake Lakeland at 3:30 p.m., and ending with Lapeer vs. Ann Arbor Huron under the lights at 7 p.m.

Friday's slate starts with Goodrich and Frankenmuth at noon, followed by Caledonia against Romeo at 3:30 p.m., before Clarkston and Northville wrap up the event with a 7 p.m. kickoff.

SOCCER

Former Ilitch Sports CEO joins MLS

Chris McGowan is joining Major League Soccer's executive team after less than two years as the chief executive officer and president of the Ilitch Sports + Entertainment organization.

MLS announced McGowan would serve as executive vice president and chief club performance officer.

McGowan was hired by Ilitch Sports + Entertainment — the business division for the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings — in 2021 and left earlier this year.

He oversaw enhancing the fan, guest and partner experience throughout Ilitch-managed properties.

Ryan Gustafson replaced McGowan as the new leader of Ilitch Sports + Entertainment in March.

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Athletics stadium deal wins final legislative approval in Nevada

The move to Vegas is expected to get OK from governor, MLB.

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Associated Press

CARSON CITY, NEV. — The Oakland Athletics cleared a major hurdle for their planned relocation to Las Vegas after the Nevada Legislature gave final approval on Wednesday to public funding for a portion of a proposed $1.5 billion stadium with a retractable roof.

The deal that backers said will help further establish Las Vegas as the new "entertainment and sports capital of the world" still needs the governor's signature, and MLB still must approve the A's move to the Las Vegas Strip, but both are anticipated.

The Assembly approved the final version of the bill with $380 million in taxpayer money on a 25-15 vote after making minor changes to the measure the Senate approved on a 13-8 vote on Tuesday just hours before the Vegas Golden Knights won the Stanley Cup.

The Senate accepted the changes with no debate on a voice vote Wednesday night and sent it to the governor's desk as an "emergency measure" adopted during the special legislative session that convened with Democratic majorities in both houses June 7. Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo had proposed the stadium spending plan.

The governor's office didn't immediately respond to requests for comments Wednesday night from the Associated Press. The A's said in a statement released by the team they look forward to "Lombardo's signature as our next step" as they "work to bring the Athletics to Las Vegas."

The $380 million in public funding would mainly come from $180 million in transferable tax credits and $120 million in county bonds. Backers have pledged that the creation of a special tax district around the proposed stadium — that would be the smallest in Major League Baseball — would generate enough money to pay off those bonds and interest. The plan would not directly raise taxes.

This rendering provided by the Oakland Athletics on May 26 shows a view of their proposed new ballpark at the Tropicana site in Las Vegas. The Nevada Legislature gave final approval to public funding for a portion of the new stadium Wednesday. *AP photo*

The Nevada plan had revived the national debate over public funding for private sports clubs. A's representatives and some Nevada tourism officials have said the measure could add to Las Vegas' growing sports scene and act as an economic engine. But a growing chorus of economists and some lawmakers have warned that such a project would bring minimal benefits when compared to the hefty public price tag.

Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch, D-Reno, said Wednesday night she couldn't support the public financing given a lack of funding for Nevada's overcrowded classrooms, inadequate child care services and "people sleeping on the streets."

"No amount of amendments are going to change the fact we are giving millions of public dollars to a billionaire," she said.

Under the deal approved Wednesday, the A's would not owe property taxes for the publicly owned stadium. Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, would also contribute $25 million in credit toward infrastructure costs. The final version of the bill shifted some money that had been targeted for homeless programs to funds for low-income housing.

The Legislature's vote is a victory in the A's troubled search to replace Oakland Coliseum, where the team has played since arriving from Kansas City for the 1968 season. The team previously sought to build a stadium in Fremont, California, as well as San Jose and finally the Oakland waterfront — all ideas that never materialized.

Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao said after the vote California's Legislature had passed three pieces of legislation to support construction of a new A's ballpark at Howard Terminal.

"The A's have been part of Oakland for more than half a century, and they belong in this city," she said in a statement. "There is no city that has worked harder to meet the needs of a team than Oakland."

The new 30,000-seat baseball stadium is planned along the Las Vegas Strip not far from the Knights' T-Mobile Arena and another stadium that is home to the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders, who also left Oakland for Vegas in 2020.

A last-minute bill in Nevada's 2016 special session had paved the way for $750 million in public funding from hotel room taxes for the Raiders $2 billion Allegiant Stadium.

No public money was spent on the arena for the expansion hockey team.

In places like Buffalo and Oakland, proponents of new stadiums have argued tax incentives prevent the departure of decades-old businesses. But the debate in Nevada differed. The state already heavily relies on entertainment and tourism to power its economy, and lawmakers or appointed boards for years have talked about diversifying the economy to justify incentives to businesses including Tesla.

Assemblywoman Shea Backus, D-Las Vegas, said in addition to creating 14,000 construction jobs and permanent jobs subject to collective bargaining, major league baseball will build on the excitement surrounding the Raiders, the Golden Knights and the WNBA's Aces in a city that had no major professional sports before 2016.

"With the Aces winning a national championship last year and the Golden Knights securing the Stanley Cup just last night, it is clear Las Vegas is clearly becoming the entertainment and sports capital of the world," she said.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Ann Arbor-area athletes selected all-conference

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It was another banner spring for Southeastern Conference athletes, and they have been recognized by league coaches with all-conference honors after their respective seasons concluded. Here is a list of the teams:

BASEBALL

SEC-WHITE
FIRST TEAM
(Name, school, year)
Solomon Hiatt, Adrian, So.
Jake Burns, Tecumseh, Sr.
Lucas Dawson, Chelsea, Sr.
Talon Koppmann, Pinckney, Jr.
Sean Parker, Adrian, Jr.
Gabe Anstead, Chelsea, Sr.
Jobe Benschoter, Tecumseh, Sr.
Max Bledsoe, Tecumseh, Jr.
Tanek Bagrowski, Tecumseh, Sr.
DJ Ott, Adrian, Jr.
Kaspar Haehnle, Jackson, Sr.
Even McGlothin, Pinckney, So.
Steven DeVaughn, Jackson, Sr.
HONORABLE MENTION
Tyler Bruggeman, Adrian, So.
Tristan Hayes, Adrian, Jr.
Joelden Griffin, Adrian, So.
Gunner Lansdell, Adrian, Sr.
Wyatt Harkness, Tecumseh, Sr.
Jaret Alcock, Tecumseh, Sr.
Nolan Carruthers, Pinckney, So.
Jonny Hoffman, Pinckney, Jr.
Cooper Alger, Jackson, Jr.
David Schmidt, Ypsilanti, So.
Alan Saenz, Ypsilanti, Sr.
COACH OF THE YEAR
Kyle Johnson, Adrian

SEC-RED
FIRST TEAM
Logan Loveland, Monroe, Jr.
Breylon Richards, Monroe, Jr.
Carson Liedel, Monroe, Fr.
Noah Miller, Monroe, Sr.
Jackson Muir, Saline, Sr.
Kriss Sydlowski, Saline, Sr.
Roman Laurio, Saline, Sr.
Cade Tousa, Saline, Sr.
Tommy Huss, Temp. Bedford, Sr.
Connor Gambino, Temp. Bedford, Sr.
Nolan Laskey, Temp. Bedford, Jr.
Joey Tessmer, Dexter, Sr.
Andrew Cusick, Dexter, Fr.
Ben Locke, Ann Arbor Huron, Sr.
Ryan Gensheimer, Skyline, Sr.
HONORABLE MENTION
Brendan Iacofano, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Jr.
Aiden Lemke, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Sr.
Dillon Lundell, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Sr.
Kellen Roberts, Monroe, Sr.
Owen Yount, Monroe, Sr.
Ryan Sieler, Monroe, Sr.
Lleyton Lage, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jr.
Avery McEwen, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jr.
Tate Bezeau, Saline, Sr.
Sam Miller, Saline, Sr.
Jackson Conley, Saline, Sr.
Matt Mareno, Saline, So.
Andrew Walworth, Skyline, Jr.
Owen Tuccinardi, Skyline, Sr.
Eli Bishar, Ann Arbor Skyline, Sr.
Garrett Sharp, Dexter, Jr.
Wyatt Novara, Dexter, Sr.
Chance Sobbry, Dexter, So.
AJ Vaugh, Dexter, Sr.
Gabe Bock, Temperance Bedford, Jr.
Brenden Korsnack, Temp. Bedford, Sr.
Jake Spieles, Ann Arbor Huron, Sr.
COACH OF THE YEAR
Al Zeiher, Saline.

SOFTBALL

SEC-WHITE
FIRST TEAM
(Name, School, Year)
Emilee Underwood, Chelsea, Senior
Megan McCalla, Chelsea, Senior
Mya Purdy, Chelsea, Senior
Jenna Ouellette, Chelsea, Junior
Kayde Absher, Chelsea, Freshman
Cece Thorington, Pinckney, Junior
Kylee Douglas, Pinckney, Senior
Mackenzie Burns, Pinckney, Soph.
Natally Pease, Pinckney, Freshman
Ali Novick, Pinckney, Senior
Bella Juozapaitis, Tecumseh, Junior
Wendy Ketola, Tecumseh, Junior
Katlyn Iott, Adrian, Senior
HONORABLE MENTION
Madison Kay, Chelsea, Senior
Samantha Dark, Chelsea, Junior
Mallory Dickey, Pinckney, Junior
Lucy Whelan, Tecumseh, Junior
Natalie Bullinger, Tecumseh, Senior
Emma Leitner, Tecumseh, Junior
Natalie Gilliam, Adrian, Junior
Ciara Ernst, Adrian, Junior
Morgin White, Adrian, Senior
Felicia Hoffman, Jackson, Senior
COACH OF THE YEAR
Jeff Connelly, Chelsea

SEC-RED
FIRST TEAM
Karli Dorr, Saline, Junior
Sydney Hastings, Saline, Sophomore
Izzy Deveau, Saline, Junior
Kaleigh McClelland, Saline, Senior
Emily Sweetland, Saline, Senior
Braylynn Kelly, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Jr.
Lilly Majeske, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Senior
Autumn Anderson, Ypsi. Lincoln, Fr.
Aubrey Hensley, Temp. Bedford, Soph.
Payton Pudlowski, Temp. Bedford, Jr.
Nyah Mullins, Temp. Bedford, Soph.
Alana Aulph, Monroe, Junior
Allie Hall, Monroe, Senior
Anika Busdeker, Dexter, Senior
Olivia Guidinger, Pioneer, Junior
Megan Bondy, Skyline, Senior
Rhian Stewart, Huron, Junior
HONORABLE MENTION
Leah Holloway, Saline, Senior
Clara Cherry, Saline, Junior
Savanna Kane, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Soph.
Adrianna Kitchen, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Sr.
Kaitlyn Kwiatkowski, Bedford, Fr.
Ashtyn Batey, Temp. Bedford, Fr.
Avery Leach, Monroe, Sophomore
Ally Lewis, Monroe, Freshman
Audrey Gauthier, Dexter, Junior
Roni Wilson, Dexter, Junior
Nona Slater, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Junior
Emerson Wernimont, Pioneer, Junior
Reyna Hyliard, Skyline, Junior
Mili Youngman, Huron, Junior
COACH OF THE YEAR
Laura Sawyer, Saline

BOYS GOLF

SEC-WHITE TOP 10
(Place, Name, School, SEC points)
1. Jack Murray, Chelsea – 170.5
2. Brian Tillman, Chelsea – 169.5
3. Carson Ritz, Adrian – 167
4. Cayden Staib, Adrian – 163
T5. Joe Nowak, Tecumseh – 151.5
T5. Aldo Barba, Tecumseh – 151.5
7. Jacob England, Jackson – 144
8. William Wilhelm, Chelsea – 131
COACH OF THE YEAR
Joe Ewald, Chelsea

SEC-RED TOP 10
1. Christian Rettig, Pioneer – 170.5
2. Zeb Siegel, Saline – 170
3. Morgan Lyle, Pioneer – 163
T4. Eric Shen, Pioneer – 157.5
T4. Aiden Coury, Monroe – 157.5
6. Carter Klawonn, Bedford – 156
7. Niko Michos, Dexter – 155.5
8. Giuseppe Giacalone, Saline – 149
9. Andrew Slade, Skyline – 148
10. Kyle Pafford, Monroe – 147.5
COACH OF THE YEAR
Brad Reed, Temperance Bedford

GIRLS SOCCER

SEC-WHITE
FIRST TEAM
(Name, school, year)
Ayla Tindall, Adrian, Freshman
Jaleigh Niese, Adrian, Freshman
Christina Roberts, Chelsea, Soph.
Grace Ratliff, Chelsea, Junior
Kate Krugh, Chelsea, Junior
Addison Sinkwitts, Chelsea, Junior
Zaryah Griffin, Pinckney, Junior
Claire Denton, Pinckney, Senior
Peyton Delongchamp, Pinckney, Jr.
Kailey Lambert, Pinckney, Senior
Alexis Altizer, Pinckney, Junior
Chesney Wilke, Tecumseh, Senior
Kennedy Konz, Tecumseh, Senior
Nargis Seraji, Ypsilanti, Freshman
HONORABLE MENTION
Lilly Hassan, Adrian
Ashley Klann, Adrian
Miskita Young, Adrian
Lily Baalman, Adrian
Airianna Griecci, Chelsea
Mackenna Prince, Pinckney
Valerie Graves, Pinckney
Julia Garcia, Pinckney
Natalie Graves, Pinckney
Vera Denison, Tecumseh
Shaylinn Drouillard, Tecumseh
Joscelyn Yape, Tecumseh
Kylie Trevino, Tecumseh
Addy Reynolds, Ypsilanti
Ryle Dubois, Jackson
COACH OF THE YEAR
Sean Grace, Pinckney

SEC-RED
FIRST TEAM
Lexi Ripple, Temperance Bedford, Jr.
Cece Palazzolo, Dexter, Senior
Laci Jernigan, Dexter, Junior
Jessica Clyde, Huron, Senior
Aaliyah Diarra, Huron, Senior
Mia Solomon, Ann Arbor Huron, Senior
Danielle Harris, Huron, Senior
Lydia Zajchowski, Saline, Freshman
Kailee Cahill, Saline, Senior
Zoe Rumohr, Saline, Senior
Sienna Snyder, Saline, Sophomore
Audrey Driskell, Saline, Junior
Cassey Vigo, Skyline, Senior
Sofia Nehro, Ann Arbor Skyline, Junior
Brianna Ferguson, Skyline, Junior
Lucy Serlin, Ann Arbor Skyline, Junior
HONORABLE MENTION
Claire Charnock, Monroe
Alexis Roller, Dexter
Bradey Wineman, Dexter
Royce Smith, Ann Arbor Huron
Shaedyn Simoneau, Ann Arbor Huron
Lucy Paliani, Ann Arbor Huron
Allie Younglove, Monroe
Kyleigh Carter, Monroe
Maddie Hood, Ann Arbor Pioneer
Kaylie Karsch, Ann Arbor Pioneer
Ivy Wilhelm, Ann Arbor Pioneer
Nada Derneika, Saline
Ashley Kruse, Saline
Margaret Alpern, Ann Arbor Skyline
Sadie Walsh, Saline
Corynn Tominello, Bedford
COACH OF THE YEAR
Leigh Rumbold, Saline

BOYS LACROSSE

SEC-WHITE
FIRST TEAM
(Name, school, year)
Josh Fensler, Chelsea, Sr.
Kellen Aslstrom, Chelsea, Sr.
Myles Bieber, Chelsea, Jr.
Everet Lemon, Dexter, Sr.
Brady Sortor, Dexter, Sr.
Benny Willard, Dexter, Fr.
Cooper Barkway, Tecumseh, So.
Trace Tidswell, Tecumseh, Sr.
Nolan White, Tecumseh, Sr.
Noah Hassenrik, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Sr.
Levi Podhola, Pinckney, Jr.
Drakon Mayes, Pinckney, Jr.
HONORABLE MENTION
Brennan Comack, Tecumseh, Jr.
Ashton Platt, Tecumseh, Jr.
Jeff Henry, Tecumseh, Fr.
Nathan Bentley, Ypsilanti Lincoln, So.
Giampiero Marino, Ypsi. Lincoln, Sr.
Brady Dresch, Dexter, So.
Marty Watson, Dexter, So.
Colin Kennedy, Dexter, Sr.
Garret Sharp, Pinckney, Jr.
Jadin Miller, Pinckney, Jr.
Alex Rau, Pinckney, Jr.
Carter Trinkle, Chelsea, Sr.
Benjamin Potter, Chelsea, Sr.
Braden Kennedy, Chelsea, Jr.
COACH OF THE YEAR
Zach Rekowski, Ypsilanti Lincoln

SEC-RED
FIRST TEAM
Angus MacQueen, Pioneer, Sr.
Whit Denzin, Ann Arbor Pioneer, So.
Auguste Gago, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Sr.
Sam Cao, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Sr.
Owen Miller, Saline, Sr.
Owen Brown, Saline, Sr.
Michael Webster, Saline, Sr.
Blake Drugosielski, Temp. Bedford, So.
Brandon Staley, Temp. Bedford, Sr.
Graham Newton, Skyline, Jr.
Steffan Westholen, Skyline, Sr.
Thomas Hart, Ann Arbor Huron, Sr.
HONORABLE MENTION
Mitch Westhoven, Skyline, Sr.
Evan Rothenberg, Skyline, Sr.
Levi Rosenberg, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jr.
Bennett Ayers, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Sr.
Brady Weirich, Temp. Bedford, So.
Brennan McIntire, Temp. Bedford, So.
Jon Jon Ohren-Hoeft, Saline, So.
Drew Soupal, Saline, So.
Carson Stavros, Saline, Sr.
Charlie Fox, Ann Arbor Huron, So.
COACH OF THE YEAR
Ryan Mailloux, Saline, So.

GIRLS LACROSSE

SEC
FIRST TEAM
(Name, school, year)
Gigi Paulino, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Sr.
Corinne Courtright, Skyline, Jr.
Cindy Xue, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Sr.
Dylan Schueler, Ann Arbor Skyline, Sr.
Lizzie Kinsey, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Sr.
Marissa Skinner, Dexter, Jr.
Maddie Nishioka, Saline, Jr.
Chloe Perry, Dexter, Sr.
Cameron Wiseman, Skyline, Jr.
Aubrey Stager, Saline, Sr.
Kylie Gibbs, Ann Arbor Huron, Jr.
Karissa Halter, Temp. Bedford, Jr.
Sydney Bryant, Ann Arbor Skyline, Sr.
Ellie Maloy, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jr.
Grace Grabowski, Pioneer, So.
HONORABLE MENTION
Jazlyn Reau, Tecumseh, So.
Briar Mackey, Saline, Jr.
Lilly Shannon, Ann Arbor Skyline, Jr.
Bella Cole, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jr.
Claire Vander Haagen, Dexter, Sr.
Addison Allen-Grubb, Dexter, Fr.
Reagan Masek, Ann Arbor Skyline, Sr.
Avery Clewis, Tecumseh, Sr.
Alli Gerdes, Saline, So.
Hanah Peters, Tecumseh, Sr.
Elizabeth Beach, Ann Arbor Huron, Fr.
Gracie Grabowski, Temp. Bedford, Jr.
Sarah Huffman, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jr.
Cassandra Liske, Skyline, Sr.
Isabella Benson, Dexter, Sr.
COACHES OF THE YEAR
Zach Maghes, Ann Arbor Pioneer
Taylor Haverty, Dexter

GIRLS SOCCER

Saline falls short in bid for state title

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One dream season was bound to continue, and another ended on Wednesday.

The Rochester Hills Stoney Creek and Saline girls soccer teams were both looking for their first state championship appearance in years, and it was Stoney Creek that made the dream a reality.

The Cougars scored goals in both halves and held Saline scoreless for the first time in nine games to advance to the Division 1 state title game with a 2-0 victory.

Stoney Creek was scheduled to face Hudsonville in Saturday afternoon's Division 1 state championship game. Hudsonville defeated Northville, 2-0, in the other semifinal.

The Cougars got on the board early in the first half when Ava Avripas found the back of the net 12 minutes into the contest.

Both teams played even for the remainder of the game until Lauren Palmer scored with three minutes remaining to seal the deal for the Cougars, who were chasing their first state title since 2016.

Saline was unable to get past Stoney Creek's impressive defense, which recorded its 19th shutout of the season.

Despite falling short of a shot at the program's first state championship appearance since winning it all in 2015, the Hornets still managed to claim conference, district and regional titles.

Saline finished the season at 15-2-5 and will graduate seven seniors, including first team all-conference performers Zoe Rumohr and Kailee Cahill.

Stoney Creek entered Saturday's final with a 25-1-1 record and a nine-game winning streak. Hudsonville carried a 19-2-2 record into the final.

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STATE SPORTS

Victor Wembanyama, who played for Boulogne-Levallois in the elite French men's league last season, is expected to be the No. 1 overall pick in Thursday's NBA draft. *Thibault Camus, Associated Press*

NBA DRAFT

Pistons will have options at No. 5 overall pick

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4. HOUSTON ROCKETS: AMEN THOMPSON, 6-7, PG, OVERTIME ELITE

Scouts have wondered how useful any Overtime Elite evaluations have been, but there's no questioning Thompson's size and athleticism. He sees the court well and can fire the ball to shooters, which is good because there are concerns about his shooting. The Rockets need an organizer.

5. DETROIT PISTONS: JARACE WALKER, 6-7, PF, HOUSTON

One of the big losers on lottery night, the Pistons made a splash this offseason by hiring coach Monty Williams. Walker is one of the most physically impressive prospects in the draft — a big, strong forward with shooting touch that stretches to the perimeter.

6. ORLANDO MAGIC: AUSAR THOMPSON,6-7, SG, OVERTIME ELITE

There's some belief that Thompson might be more NBA-ready than his twin brother, Amen, because of his superior shooting and defensive upside. The Magic could go in a ton of directions.

7. INDIANA PACERS: CAM WHITMORE, 6-6, SF, VILLANOVA

Whitmore could be off the board by the time the Pacers pick because of his size and strength on the wing. He's a big-time competitor, but he'll need to consistently make shots. One scout compared him to Justise Winslow in regards to the disconnect between his NBA-ready body and lack of proven skills.

8. WASHINGTON WIZARDS: ANTHONY BLACK, 6-6, PG, ARKANSAS

The Wizards flipped their front office this offseason, hiring Michael Winger from the Clippers. Black has great size at point guard and is a selfless player willing to defend. As teams rebuild their rosters, players like him are wildly valuable.

9. UTAH JAZZ: CASON WALLACE, 6-4, PG, KENTUCKY

There are tons of options for the Jazz because their rebuild went much faster than expected after dealing Donovan Mitchell and Rudy Gobert last summer. Wallace is a defensive ace with natural point guard skills.

10. DALLAS MAVERICKS: TAYLOR HENDRICKS, 6-9, PF, CENTRAL FLORIDA

Like Portland, signals are Dallas is open for business when it comes to this pick because of its desire to help Luka Doncic win immediately. If the Mavericks don't deal the pick to help rebuild the depth they lost in the Kyrie Irving trade, Hendricks' 3-and-D potential might be as strong as anyone in the lottery.

11. ORLANDO MAGIC: JALEN HOOD-SCHIFINO, 6-6, PG, INDIANA

Another pick that could be on the move because of Orlando's stock of young players. Hood-Schifino is a point guard with size that fits a lineup full of oversized players. Markelle Fultz is a free agent after next season, and Orlando could be looking for his replacement.

12. OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER: GRADEY DICK, 6-8, SG, KANSAS

If there's a skill every team is on the hunt for it's shooting, and Dick might be the best marksman in this draft — meaning he could be off the board before this pick. He's also got plus size for the wing and would be another great piece for the surging Thunder.

Kobe Bufkin

Jett Howard

Jarace Walker

13. TORONTO RAPTORS: KEYONTE GEORGE, 6-4, SG, BAYLOR

It's hard to know what direction the Raptors are headed — maybe looking to reload instead of rebuild. George would fit either of those strategies, a scoring guard who can carry the perimeter attack for a team if he becomes a little more consistent.

14. NEW ORLEANS PELICANS: DERECK LIVELY II, 7-1, C, DUKE

Great size and athleticism made Lively the top prospect heading into college this past year. After a slow start, he flashed the tools that modern NBA centers have: rim-running and shot-blocking. He shot the ball well at his pro day and has helped his stock in the pre-draft process,

15. ATLANTA HAWKS: BILAL COULIBALY, 6-6, SF, FRANCE

Scouts came to France to watch Wembanyama and got the bonus of seeing Coulibaly blossom into one of the hottest names in the pre-draft process. He has had a good run of games as he and Wembanyama led Metropolitans 92 to the French league finals. He could sneak into the top 10.

16. UTAH JAZZ: LEONARD MILLER, 6-10, SF, G LEAGUE IGNITE

The Jazz's stockpile of picks gives them the luxury to gamble. Miller is a big-time rebounder who showed some skill against pros this past year in the G-League. He has great size and can pass the ball, drawing Lamar Odom comparisons.

17. LAKERS: KOBE BUFKIN, 6-5, PG, MICHIGAN

Another player who is moving up draft boards and could be among the lottery picks, Bufkin has the kind of two-way skills that might set him apart from other point guards in this draft. He has a lot of fans around the NBA.

18. MIAMI HEAT: NICK SMITH JR., 6-5, PG-SG, ARKANSAS

One of the top-ranked players entering college last season, he struggled because of a knee injury. He's a gifted shooter and ballhandler, but there are questions about his ability to make teammates better.

19. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS: JETT HOWARD, 6-8, SG, MICHIGAN

The son of former NBA player and Michigan coach Juwan Howard has plenty of size and can really move and shoot the ball. The big questions are on the defensive end, where he hasn't maximized the potential of his frame.

20. HOUSTON ROCKETS: JORDAN HAWKINS, 6-5, SG, CONNECTICUT

One of the biggest stars of the NCAA tournament, Hawkins is viewed as one-dimensional by some evaluators. Lucky for him that dimension is shooting, and everyone is willing to take on more floor spacing.

21. BROOKLYN NETS: DARIQ WHITEHEAD, 6-7, SG-SF, DUKE

Another part of Duke's heralded recruiting class that struggled to find footing as freshmen. Whitehead has NBA wing size and shooting, though there are concerns about an offseason foot injury.

22. BROOKLYN NETS (VIA CLIPPERS): COLBY JONES, 6-6, SG, XAVIER

Jones has strong all-around offensive skills and uses his body well to make up for average physical tools. There's two-way potential too.

23. PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS: KRIS MURRAY, 6-8, PF, IOWA

After his brother Keegan left Iowa to play for the Sacramento Kings, Murray showed that his game has similar offensive polish. If Portland keeps this pick and wants to find win-now rookies, Murray is near the top of that list.

24. SACRAMENTO KINGS: JAIME JAQUEZ JR., 6-7, SF, UCLA

Jaquez helped himself in the pre-draft process. Teams value his versatility, maturity and resourcefulness. He's viewed as a player who could help contribute earlier than most.

25. MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES: BRICE SENSABAUGH, 6-6, SF, OHIO STATE

The Grizzlies like their wings kind of beefy, and Sensabaugh is a big body who can get a bucket. He wasn't viewed as a one-and-done prospect, but he played himself into the first round.

26. INDIANA PACERS: BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI, 6-5, SG, SANTA CLARA

With Buddy Hield's future with the Pacers up in the air, Podziemski would fill the void because he really can shoot the ball. He has big questions on defense.

27. CHARLOTTE HORNETS: MAXWELL LEWIS, 6-7, SF, PEPPERDINE

Lewis has a chance to be a 3-and-D wing, and the Hornets need as many reliable players as they can find. He has good size and length and can be a complementary scorer.

28. UTAH JAZZ: OLIVER-MAXENCE PROSPER, 6-8, PF, MARQUETTE

No one helped themselves more at the NBA combine than Prosper, who showed scouts his toughness and versatility while most top prospects declined to play live scrimmages.

29. INDIANA PACERS: G.G. JACKSON, 6-9, PF, SOUTH CAROLINA

With three picks in the first round, the Pacers can take a swing on the draft's youngest player, who needs to refine his shot while he matures.

30. CLIPPERS: NOAH CLOWNEY, 6-10, PF, ALABAMA

The Clippers could use this pick in a trade to shed salary, or they could take on a player like Clowney — a big with defensive versatility and the potential to stretch the floor as a shooter.

NHL DRAFT

Red Wings should get productive player at No. 9

Detroit has two first-round picks in June 28 entry draft.

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The number nine has a special place in Detroit Red Wings' history as the jersey Gordie Howe wore during his legendary career.

The Red Wings select ninth on June 28 during the first round of the NHL entry draft (they also have the 17th pick). And while they're not getting a Mr. Hockey-caliber player at that spot, recent history shows it's not a bad place to pick.

It's too early to know how the past three No. 9 selections will fare in the NHL, but nine of the previous 10 have proven to be solid players in the league, including some All-Star caliber.

Here is a look at the past 10 No. 9 selections in the draft:

- **2022, Matthew Savoie, C, Buffalo:** Small forward (5-foot-9) plays with pace and scored 73 goals and 112 assists in the past two seasons with the Winnipeg Ice. He was second in playoff scoring with 29 points in 19 games during his team's run to the WHL finals.
- **2021, Dylan Guenther, RW, Arizona:** Natural goal-scorer with a tremendous shot, he posted a league-high 16 goals among 28 points during the WHL playoffs to help Seattle win the championship, but had no goals and four assists in five games at the Memorial Cup, in which the Thunderbirds lost to Quebec. Guenther also made his NHL debut, tallying six goals and 15 points in 33 games with the Coyotes.
- **2020, Marco Rossi, C. Minnesota:** This small Austrian center (5-9, 182) has had a rough NHL debut with just one point (an assist) in his first 21 games. He has been productive in the AHL, collecting 34 goals and 70 assists in 116 games with Iowa the past two seasons.
- **2019, Trevor Zegras, C, Anaheim:** Finished second to the Red Wings' Moritz Seider in 2022 Calder Trophy balloting and has had two strong seasons with the Ducks, totaling 46 goals and 80 assists in 156 games.
- **2018, Vitali Kravtsov, RW, N.Y. Rangers:** A potential bust, the Rangers gave up on him after 48 games (five goals, five assists), essentially giving him to Vancouver, where his struggles continue (one goal, one assist in 16 games).
- **2017, Michael Rasmussen, C/LW, Detroit:** It took this 6-6 forward a couple of seasons to find his niche before he emerged as a valuable supporting player in 2021-22 because of his size, forechecking ability, penalty killing and secondary scoring. He was having his best season before being idled due to a broken kneecap on Feb. 25.
- **2016, Mikhail Sergachev, D, Montreal:** The Canadiens would like a redo on the disastrous 2017 trade in which they shipped this two-way defenseman to Steve Yzerman's Tampa Bay Lightning for center Jonathan Drouin, the No. 3 overall pick in 2013 who's a borderline NHL player. Sergachev has been a top-four defenseman on a two-time Stanley Cup championship team and is coming off his most productive season (10 goals, 54 assists).
- **2015, Timo Meier, RW. San Jose:** Scored 30 goals three times with the Sharks, including a career-high 40 this season between San Jose and New Jersey, which acquired him just prior to the trade deadline.
- **2014, Nicolaj Ehlers, LW, Winnipeg:** Made the jump from juniors to the NHL without a stop in the AHL and has had eight productive seasons with the Jets. Has been consistent, topping 20 goals six years in a row before missing nearly half of this past season due to injuries.
- **2013, Bo Horvat, C, Vancouver:** A player the Red Wings were pursuing this year, he was a consistent scorer for eight-plus seasons with the Canucks before being dealt to the New York Islanders this year, which was his most productive with 38 goals and 70 points.

PREVIOUS 10 NO. 9 SELECTIONS:

- 2012: Jacob Trouba, D, Winnipeg.
- 2011: Dougie Hamilton, D, Boston.
- 2010: Mikhail Granlund, C, Minnesota.
- 2009: Jared Cowan, D, Ottawa.
- 2008: Josh Bailey, RW, N.Y. Islanders.
- 2007: Logan Couture, C, San Jose.
- 2006: James Sheppard, C, Minnesota.
- 2005: Brian Lee, D, Ottawa.
- 2004: Ladislav Smid, D, Anaheim.
- 2003: Dion Phaneuf, D, Calgary.

INSIDE SPORTS

GOLF

Fowler's wild ride gives him one-shot lead at the U.S. Open

Rickie Fowler hits his tee shot on the 17th hole during the second round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Los Angeles Country Club on Fridays. *Marcio J. Sanchez, Associated Press*

Winless since 2019, Fowler ties 36-hole record at U.S. Open championship.

Doug Ferguson *Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — Rickie Fowler finished off a round that was entertaining even by Hollywood standards, and then walked off the 18th green Friday in the U.S. Open with the lead, and with the calm of someone who has been in this position before.

Just not recently.

"It's been a while since I've felt this good in a tournament, let alone a major," said Fowler, winless since February 2019 in the Phoenix Open. "It's going to be a challenge, but I'm definitely looking forward to it."

And there was nothing calm about his day at Los Angeles Country Club. Fowler made only four pars in his round of 2-under 68. He has 18 birdies through 36 holes, an astounding rate for a U.S. Open, and he needed them all for his first 36-hole lead in a major.

Along the way, he tied the 36-hole scoring record at the U.S. Open.

Los Angeles Country Club tried to fight back after a record opening day of low scores, and help arrived in the form of a blazing sun and just enough wind to keep the toughest test in golf from turning into a festival of birdies.

Fowler still did his part.

He was at 10-under 130, tying the U.S. Open record set by Martin Kaymer in 2014 at Pinehurst No. 2. Fowler led by one shot over Wyndham Clark (67), with Rory McIlroy (67) and Xander Schauffele (70) two shots behind.

"Yes, I'm in the lead, but we're only halfway there," Fowler said. "Being in the lead is nice, but it really means nothing right now. I'm looking forward to continuing to challenge myself and go out there and try and execute the best I can."

He started with three straight birdies, all of them from about 6 feet. The two bogeys he made on the front nine were followed by birdies. He started the back nine with two bogeys, only to answer with a 25-foot birdie putt. Back and forth it went, all round, until he finished with a beauty of an approach to 8 feet on the 17th, the hardest hole of the round.

Schauffele, who matched Fowler's record-breaking 62 on Thursday, had a wild ride of his own.

He was tied for the lead at one point early on the back nine, approaching a few holes that could yield birdies. They produced bogeys instead, both times with a wedge in hand on the par-5 14th and the 115-yard 15th hole.

He birdied the final two holes to stay very much in the game.

"Just leaking some oil," Schauffele said. "I bogeyed two holes I was supposed to have good birdie looks on. But I'm happy with how I finished."

Clark, who last month broke through with his first PGA Tour title against an elite field at Quail Hollow, started strong with a bold flop shot that set up a birdie and a 40-foot birdie putt on the back nine, and then he held it together over his final nine holes.

Closing fast was McIlroy, without a major in nine years, overcoming a rugged start with four birdies on his last five holes. He was at 132, the sixth time he has been 8 under or lower going into the weekend at a major. He won three of those previous five times.

"I felt like coming into this week that was going to be a key for me if I could put the ball in play. You can play from there and create some scoring opportunities," McIlroy said. "That's really my game plan over the next couple days. Put the ball in play off the tee, and I think I'll be just fine from there."

Not to be overlooked was Dustin Johnson, the two-time major champion who made a quadruple-bogey 8 on his second hole with six bad shots, one penalty and a tap-in. The man with golf's shortest memory rebounded quickly and still shot 70, leaving him four shots behind and very much in the mix going into a weekend.

McIlroy didn't envision such low scoring, including his opening 65, which he attributed to cloud cover, condensation and receptive greens.

"The conditions now, it's a little brighter, sunnier, a little bit of breeze. It's got the potential to get a little firmer and faster over the next couple days, which will make the scores go up a little bit," McIlroy said. "We'll see what it's like at the end of the week.

"Yes, the course has played maybe a little easier than everyone thought it would, but wouldn't be surprised on Saturday, Sunday to see it bite back," McIlroy said. "It should be tough. It should be just as much of a mental grind out there as a physical one."

McIlroy had his share of mistakes on the back nine with errant shots off the tee, including the 297-yard 11th hole, the second-longest par 3 for a U.S. Open. But he had a 30 on the front nine for the second straight day by taking advantage of the scoring holes and ending his round with a tee shot on the par-3 ninth to 3 feet.

After an opening day that featured two 62s (Fowler and Schauffele), Friday's low round belonged to Min Woo Lee, whose 65 left him tied with Johnson at 6-under 134.

Scottie Scheffler was among those five behind.

All of them are chasing Fowler, who is thrilled to be back in this position again. The real test starts Saturday, for Fowler and the rest of the field wondering when a typical U.S. Open will finally arrive.

GOLF

Crowded leaderboard at Meijer LPGA Classic

Associated Press

BELMONT — Ayaka Furue, of Japan, shot a bogey-free 5-under 67 on Friday at Blythefield Country Club to take a one-stroke lead into the weekend in the Meijer LPGA Classic.

Part of a five-way tie for the first-round lead, the 5-foot Furue had an 11-under 133 total in the final event before the major KPMG Women's PGA Championship next week at Baltusrol in New Jersey.

Hyo Joo Kim (65), Leona Maguire (65), Carlota Ciganda (66) and Amy Yang (67) were a stroke back.

Defending champion Jennifer Kupcho (69) was 9 under, along with Manon De Roey (65), Aditi Ashok (67), Minjee Lee (67), Emily Kristine Pedersen (68) and Lindsey Weaver-Wright (69).

"Everybody is going low," Maguire said. "You feel like you have to go low, you have to be making birdies to even just stay in position, let alone move up. Just more of the same over the weekend."

The shortest player on the LPGA Tour, the 23-year-old Furue won the Women's Scottish Open last summer. She lost to Pajaree Anannarukarn last month in the final of the LPGA Match-Play and has five top-four finishes this season.

"I just want to keep playing my golf," Furue said.

Kupcho had six birdies and three bogeys a day after a bogey-free 66.

"Wasn't hitting the ball as well as I was yesterday, so kind of just battled my way through the round," Kupcho said.

Ciganda eagled the par-5 fourth and eighth holes. She holed a "pitch shot" from 50 yards on No. 4 and made a 15-foot putt on No. 8

"Overall, very happy," Ciganda said. "Playing good and making putts and excited for the weekend."

Ashleigh Buhai, the ShopRite LPGA Classic winner last week in New Jersey, was 8 under after her second 68.

"Huge amount of momentum, obviously, but also a lot of fatigue," Buhai said. "I took Monday and Tuesday off just to try and recover a little bit."

Brooke Henderson, the Canadian who won the event in 2017 and 2019, birdied the par-5 18th for a 73 to make the cut at 2 under.

Lexi Thompson and Lydia Ko missed the cut. Thompson, the 2015 winner, followed her opening 69 with a 74, and Ko had her second straight 72.

AUTO RACING

Palou builds commanding IndyCar lead

Series shifts gears to today's race at Road America.

Steve Megargee *Associated Press*

ELKHART LAKE, WIS. — The possibility that Alex Palou will drive for a new team as the reigning IndyCar champion next year grows increasingly likely with each race.

Palou has won two of the last three IndyCar races heading into today's event at Road America.

The Spaniard holds a 51-point lead in the standings as he chases his second series title in three years.

His performance this season follows a tumultuous 2022 in which Palou attempted to leave Chip Ganassi Racing for McLaren Racing. After Ganassi sued, mediation determined Palou remained contractually bound to the team through 2023. He still plans to move to Arrow McLaren in IndyCar next season and already is one of McLaren's reserve Formula One drivers.

"We still don't really know what's going to happen, so I'm not thinking about next year," Palou said. "I'm fully focused on the next couple of races. I had to deal a lot last year with the future. I know it's not a good thing for on-track activities. That's why I'm just focused on this practice we have today, this race, then mid-Ohio."

Palou was asked if his fast start to the season caused him to have any second thoughts about switching teams.

"No," Palou said. "As I said, after what I had to deal on last year, we are only focused on the season. I know that having good results, it's only going to help myself and my future."

Palou is coming off a victory at Detroit and won on the Indianapolis road course. He won the pole for the Indianapolis 500 and was dominating the early part of the race until he was spun by Rinus VeeKay on pit road. Palou still recovered to finish fourth.

Palou's competitors believe the points race remains up for grabs since the season isn't even halfway over.

"I think if you look at Alex specifically, he's not had a bad race," said Team Penske's Josef Newgarden, who won at Road America last year.

"So if he keeps that up for the rest of the year, that's going to be tough to beat for the championship," Newgarden continued.

"I think you're just seeing that because it's still pretty dang early in the year and he's not had a bad race."

LPGA

Women's PGA next week at Baltrusol

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Just miss the fairway and the ladies could find their balls dropping to the bottom of the three-inch blades of grass.

If they can find it at all.

"In talking to some people that I know that are members, they said I don't know how you're going to find your ball in the rough," Lewis said. "You've got to be able to have a short game you've got to be able to putt. It's it's one of those golf courses that if one part of your game is off, you're not gonna win so, so I think it's gonna be a great test.

"I'm excited to see how everybody does In the rough and hopefully we got a lot of volunteers lined up to help us."

Among the top women golfers in the world who will be competing in the 2023 KPMG Women's PGA Championship include Wayne, N.J. native Marina Alex, world No. 1 Jin Young Ko, Nelly Korda, Lexi Thompson, Lydia Ko, defending champion In Gee Chun and rising star Rose Zhang, who won in her professional debut at the Mizuho Americas Cup at Liberty National, two weeks ago.

The opportunity to play a major at a course like Baltusrol is not lost on Lewis.

"Yeah, these big venues matter," Lewis said. "For the casual fan to turn the TV on and say you know 'I remember the guys playing here.' People come to watch us play because they want to come see this golf course and they want to check it out."

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Major League standings

(Through Friday's games)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tampa Bay	51	22	.699	—
Baltimore	43	26	.623	6
New York	39	31	.557	10½
Toronto	39	32	.549	11
Boston	35	35	.500	14½
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Minnesota	35	35	.500	—
Cleveland	32	37	.464	2½
Chicago	30	41	.423	5½
Detroit	29	39	.426	5
Kansas City	18	51	.261	16½
West	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Texas	42	27	.609	—
Houston	39	31	.557	3½
Los Angeles	40	32	.556	3½
Seattle	34	34	.500	7½
Oakland	19	53	.264	24½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	44	26	.629	—
Miami	39	31	.557	5
Philadelphia	36	34	.514	8
New York	33	36	.478	10½
Washington	27	41	.397	16
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Milwaukee	35	34	.507	—
Cincinnati	35	35	.500	½
Pittsburgh	34	34	.500	½
Chicago	32	37	.464	3
St. Louis	27	43	.386	8½
West	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Arizona	42	28	.600	—
Los Angeles	39	31	.557	3
San Francisco	37	32	.536	4½
San Diego	33	36	.478	8½
Colorado	29	43	.403	14

Sunday's Games

Baltimore (Kremer 7-3) at Chicago Cubs (Taillon 2-4), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (Anderson 0-0) at Atlanta (Morton 5-6), 1:35 p.m.
Miami (Luzardo 5-5) at Washington (Corbin 4-7), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Liberatore 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 2-3), 1:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ortiz 1-3) at Milwaukee (Peralta 5-6), 2:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Weaver 1-2) at Houston (Blanco 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (TBD) at Minnesota (Varland 3-2), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Anderson 3-1) at Kansas City (Greinke 1-6), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Bassitt 7-5) at Texas (Gray 6-2), 2:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wheeler 5-4) at Oakland (Harris 2-0), 4:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Lynn 4-7) at Seattle (Miller 4-3), 4:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bibee 2-2) at Arizona (Davies 1-2), 4:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (TBD) at San Diego (Musgrove 4-2), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 5-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Gonsolin 4-1), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 0-1) at Boston (Paxton 2-1), 7:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

St. Louis at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Arizona at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.

Midwest League standings

(Through Friday's games)

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Great Lakes	41	19	.683	—
West Michigan	31	28	.525	9½
Dayton	31	30	.508	10½
Fort Wayne	29	32	.475	12½
Lansing	28	32	467	13
Lake County	27	32	.458	13½
West	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Cedar Rapids	36	25	.590	—
Peoria	30	31	.492	6
Quad Cities	30	31	.492	6
South Bend	28	32	.467	7½
Beloit	26	34	433	9½
Wisconsin	24	35	.407	11

Sunday's Games

Peoria at Lansing, 1:05 p.m.
Wisconsin at Great Lakes, 1:05 p.m.
Dayton at Fort Wayne, 1:05 p.m.
South Bend at Cedar Rapids, 2:05 p.m.
Quad Cities at Beloit, 2:05 p.m.
West Michigan at Lake County, 4 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Great Lakes at West Michigan, 6:35 p.m.
Lake County at Dayton, 7:05 p.m.
Fort Wayne at South Bend, 7:05 p.m.
Peoria at Quad Cities, 7:30 p.m.
Beloit at Cedar Rapids, 7:35 p.m.
Lansing at Wisconsin, 7:40 p.m.

College World Series

(Double Elimination; x-if necessary)

Bracket 1

Friday, June 16

Oral Roberts 6, TCU 5
Florida 6, Virginia 5

Sunday, June 18

Game 3: TCU vs. Virginia, 2 p.m.
Game 4: Oral Roberts vs. Florida, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20

Game 5: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m. (loser eliminated)

Bracket 2

Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Wake Forest (52-10) vs. Stanford (42-18), late
Game 2: LSU (48-15) vs. Tennessee (42-20), late

Monday, June 19

Game 3: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 4: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20

Game 5: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m. (loser eliminated)

BASKETBALL

WNBA standings

(Through Friday's games)

Eastern	W	L	Pct.	GB
Connecticut	8	3	.727	—
New York	6	3	.667	1
Washington	6	4	.600	1½
Chicago	5	6	.455	3
Atlanta	4	5	.444	3
Indiana	4	6	.400	3½
Western	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Las Vegas	9	1	.900	—
Los Angeles	5	5	.500	4
Dallas	5	5	.500	4
Minnesota	3	7	.300	6
Seattle	2	7	.222	6½
Phoenix	2	7	.222	6½

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at New York, Noon
Chicago at Washington, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Detroit Tigers' Matt Vierling, left, celebrates with Jonathan Schoop after hitting a solo home run during Friday's game at Minnesota. The Tigers wrap up the four-game road series today before returning to Comerica Park to face Kansas City on Monday. *Abbie Parr, Associated Press*

FOOTBALL

USFL standings

North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	200	235
New Jersey	3	6	0	.333	181	186
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	151	172
Michigan	3	6	0	.333	148	195
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	7	2	0	.778	260	176
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	220	174
Houston	5	4	0	.556	213	219
Memphis	5	4	0	.556	170	186

WEEK 10

Saturday, June 17

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, late
Birmingham at Memphis, late

Sunday, June 18

New Orleans at Houston, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Michigan, 7 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS standings

(Through Friday's matches)

Eastern	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Cincinnati	12	1	4	40	27	16
Nashville	9	3	5	32	25	12
Philadelphia	9	5	3	30	28	17
New England	8	3	6	30	28	21
Atlanta	7	4	7	28	35	29
Columbus	8	6	3	27	35	25
Orlando City	7	4	5	26	22	17
D.C. United	6	7	5	23	25	24
CF Montréal	7	9	1	22	19	27
Charlotte FC	6	8	4	22	25	33
New York	4	6	7	19	11	16
Toronto FC	3	5	10	19	17	21
New York City FC	4	7	6	18	17	22
Chicago	3	6	8	17	22	27
Inter Miami CF	5	12	0	15	16	24
Western	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts.**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis City SC	9	5	2	29	33	17
Seattle	8	6	4	28	24	17
Los Angeles FC	7	2	5	26	23	14
FC Dallas	7	6	5	26	21	19
San Jose	7	5	5	26	21	20
Vancouver	5	5	7	22	27	21
Houston	6	7	3	21	19	21
Portland	5	7	5	20	20	24
Kansas City	5	8	5	20	20	25
Minnesota United	5	7	5	20	15	22
Real Salt Lake	5	7	5	20	18	27
Austin FC	5	8	4	19	18	27
LA Galaxy	3	9	4	13	14	27
Colorado	2	9	7	13	14	27

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday, June 21

New York City FC at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at CF Montréal, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte FC at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Austin FC, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New England at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at St. Louis City SC, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Kansas City at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NWSL standings

(Through Friday's matches)

	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
San Diego	6	3	2	20	17	11
Washington	5	1	5	20	15	10
Portland	5	2	4	19	26	14
OL Reign	6	4	1	19	19	14
Gotham FC	5	3	3	18	13	10
North Carolina	5	4	2	17	15	11
Houston	4	3	4	16	10	10
Orlando	4	6	1	13	10	16
Louisville	2	3	6	12	13	12
Chicago	3	7	1	10	14	28
Angel City	2	6	3	9	14	21
Kansas City	3	8	0	9	11	20

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday, June 18

Gotham FC at Louisville, 4 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Washington at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 23

Washington at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

Kansas City at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Louisville at North Carolina, 7 p.m.
OL Reign at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

Chicago at Gotham FC, 5:30 p.m.
Houston at Angel City, 8 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series schedule

A look at upcoming events on the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series schedule

June 25: Ally 400, Lebanon, Tenn.
July 2: Chicago Road Course
July 9: Quaker State 400, Hampton, Ga.
July 16: Crayon 301, Loudon, N.H.
July 23: M&M's Fan Appreciation 400, Long Pond, Pa.
July 30: Richmond, Va.
Aug. 6: FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn
Aug. 13: Verizon 200 at the Brickyard, Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 20: Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 26: Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 3: Cook Out Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 10: Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City
Sept. 16: Bass Pro Shops Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 24: AutoTrader EchoPark Automotive 400, Fort Worth, Texas
Oct. 1: YellaWood 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 8: Bank of America Roval 400, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 15: South Point 400, Las Vegas
Oct. 22: Dixie Vodka 400, Homestead
Oct. 29: Xfinity 500, Ridgeway, Va.
Nov. 5: NASCAR Cup Series Championship, Avondale, Ariz.

Wins: Byron, 3; Busch, 3; Truex, 2; Larson, 2; Blaney, 1; Bell, 1; Hamlin, 1; Logano, 1; Reddick, 1; Stenhouse, 1.

Standings: 1. Truex, 525; 2. Byron, 512; 3. Blaney, 501; 4. Chastain, 501; 5. Harvick, 500; 6. Busch, 496; 7. Bell, 493; 8. Hamlin, 462; 9. Logano, 444; 10. Larson, 440; 11. Buescher, 430; 12. Keselowski, 424; 13. Reddick, 410; 14. Stenhouse, 400; 15. Wallace, 354; 16. Bowman, 331.

IndyCar schedule

A look at upcoming 2023 IndyCar Series events:

June 18: Grand Prix at Road America, Plymouth, Wis.
July 2: Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, Lexington, Ohio.
July 16: Honda Indy Toronto, Toronto.
July 22-23: Hy-VeeDeals.com 250, Newton, Iowa.
Aug. 6: Big Machine Music City Grand Prix, Nashville, Tenn.
Aug. 12: Gallagher Grand Prix, Indianapolis.
Aug. 27: Bommarito Automotive Group 500, Madison, Ill.
Sept. 4: Grand Prix of Portland, Portland, Ore.
Sept. 10: Grand Prix of Monterey, Calif.

Formula One schedule

A look at upcoming events on the 2023 Formula One schedule:

June 18: Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal.
July 2: Austrian Grand Prix, Spielberg, Austria.
July 9: British Grand Prix, Silverstone.
July 23: Hungarian GP, Budapest.
July 30: Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps.
Aug. 27: Dutch Grand Prix, Zandvoort, Netherlands.
Sept. 3: Italian Grand Prix, Monza.
Sept. 17: Singapore Grand Prix, Singapore City.
Sept. 24: Japanese GP, Suzuka.
Oct. 8 — Qatar Grand Prix, Doha, Qatar.
Oct. 22 — US Grand Prix, Austin, Texas.
Oct. 29 — Mexican GP, Mexico City.
Nov. 5 — Brazilian Grand Prix, Sao Paulo.
Nov. 19 — Las Vegas Grand Prix, Las Vegas, Nev.

GOLF

LPGA Tour schedule

A look at upcoming events on the 2023 LPGA Tour schedule:

June 15-18 — Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, Belmont
June 22-25 — KPMG Women's PGA Championship, Springfield, N.J.
July 6-9 — U.S. Women's Open, Pebble Beach, Calif.
July 13-16 — Greater Toledo LPGA Classic, Sylvania, Ohio
July 19-22 — Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Midland
ship, Evian-les-Bains, France

— Associated Press

BASEBALL

Tigers' Rodriguez takes step in recovery

MINNEAPOLIS — The Detroit Tigers don't usually discuss injury timelines.

And when starting pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez went on the injured list with an unusual finger injury, their hesitancy was understandable

Rodriguez appears to be trending toward the good side after throwing a bullpen session on Friday.

"He's progressing nicely and is itching to do more, which is a good sign," manager A.J. Hinch said. "He's been normal, which is good. We're in unchartered territories with what to do or how fast to progress, but he's reminding me daily that he feels really good. So we keep putting things in front of him."

In other injury news, Matt Manning and Beau Brieske pitched for Triple-A Toledo Friday night. Reliever Trey Wingenter was scheduled to pitch an inning on Saturday.

Tarik Skubal pitched needed just 31 pitches to throw three scoreless innings for the Mud Hens in a game last week. He was scheduled for another start on Saturday.

Spencer Turnbull, who hasn't thrown in nearly six weeks, is set to begin his throwing program next week.

BASKETBALL

Memphis' Morant suspended 25 games

Memphis Grizzlies star Ja Morant has been suspended 25 games for "conduct detrimental to the league," the NBA announced Friday.

Morant, 23, is one of basketball's bright young stars on the court, but his 2022-23 season was marred by several off-the-court issues.

The Grizzlies suspended the former Murray State star from team activities on May 14 after a video spread on social media showing the All-Star brandishing a firearm.Morant was later suspended by the NBA for eight games following an incident in March in which he was seen on Instagram holding up a handgun while intoxicated at a Denver-area club.

The Grizzlies said in a statement that the team has accepted league's ruling noting that the "standards as a league and a team are clear" and they "expect that all team personnel will adhere to them."

Morant, who has missed 50 games the past two seasons, helped Memphis secure the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference playoffs, where they lost in six games to the Los Angeles Lakers. He averaged 22.4 points and 7.4 assists per game over his first four seasons.

COLLEGE SPORTS

SDSU looking to leave Mountain West

San Diego State University has sent a letter to the Mountain West seeking information related to a potential exit next year.

Talk of SDSU potentially moving to the Pac-12 intensified after Southern California and UCLA announced last summer that they will move to the Big Ten in 2024.

According to reports, if SDSU waits until after June 30 to give notice, its exit fee would increase from $16.5 million to almost $34 million.

SOCCER

U.S. captain to miss World Cup

U.S. national team captain Becky Sauerbrunn has a right foot injury that will keep her out of the Women's World Cup next month.

The U.S. women's national team is expected to unveil its 23-player roster for the World Cup this week. The two-time defending World Cup champions will play a send-off match against Wales in San Jose on July 9 before departing for the tournament. *— Associated Press*

WEEK ON TELEVISION

Sports calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
DETROIT TIGERS	at Minn. 2:10 p.m. BSD	vs. KC 6:40 p.m. BSD	vs. KC 6:40 p.m. BSD	vs. KC 1:10 p.m. BSD	

SUNDAY

AUTO RACING
1:30 p.m. IndyCar, Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America. USA
2 p.m. Formula 1, Canada Grand Prix. ABC
BASEBALL
1:30 p.m. MLB, S. Louise at New York Mets. MLB
2 p.m. MLB, Detroit at Minnesota. BSD
2 p.m. College World Series, TCU vs. Virginia. ESPN
4:30 p.m. MLB, San Francisco at Los Angeles Dodgers. MLB
7 p.m. MLB, New York Yankees at Boston. ESPN
7 p.m. Men's College World Series, Florida vs. Oral Roberts. ESPN2
BASKETBALL
Noon WNBA, Phoenix at New York. CBS
4 p.m. WNBA, Atlanta at Indiana. CBSSN
FOOTBALL
4 p.m. USFL, New Orleans vs. Houston. FS1
7 p.m. USFL, Philadelphia vs. Michigan. Fox
7 p.m. CFL, Hamilton at Toronto. CBSSN
GOLF
1 p.m. U.S. Open, Final Round. NBC
2 p.m. LPGA, Meijer LPGA Classic, Final Round. CBS
9 p.m. U.S. Open, Final Round. NBC
SOCCER
2:30 p.m. UEFA Nations, Final, Croatia vs. Spain. Fox
4 p.m. NWSL, NJ/NY Gotham FC at Racing Louisville FC. CBS
OTHER
1:30 p.m. Rugby, Major League, Houston at New England. FS1
7 p.m. Rugby, Major League, Seattle at San Diego. FS1

MONDAY

BASEBALL
2 p.m. College World Series, Game 7. ESPN
6:30 p.m. MLB, Kansas City at Detroit. BSD
7 p.m. College World Series, Game 8. ESPN
8 p.m. MLB, N.Y. Mets at Houston. MLB
OTHER
9 p.m. Pickleball, Major League, Championship. ESPN2
2:30 p.m. Soccer, UEFA Euro Qualifying, France vs. Greece. FS1

TUESDAY

BASEBALL
2 p.m. College World Series, Game 9. ESPN
6:30 p.m. MLB, Kansas City at Detroit. BSD
6:30 p.m. MLB, Atlanta at Philadelphia. TBS
7 p.m. College World Series, Game 10. ESPN
10 p.m. MLB, Los Angeles Dodgers at Los Angeles Angels. TBS
BASKETBALL
8 p.m. WNBA, Atlanta at Dallas. NBA
SOCCER
2:30 p.m. UEFA Euro, Qualifying, Iceland vs. Portugal. FS1

WEDNESDAY

BASEBALL
Noon MLB, Baltimore at Tampa Bay. MLB
1 p.m. MLB, Kansas City at Detroit. BSD
2 p.m. College World Series, Game 11. ESPN
6:30 p.m. MLB, Atlanta at Philadelphia. MLB
7 p.m. College World Series, Game 12. ESPN
9:30 p.m. MLB, Los Angeles Dodgers at Los Angeles Angels. MLB
BASKETBALL
3:30 p.m. WNBA, Las Vegas at Phoenix. NBA
GOLF
Midnight Asian Tour, Kolon Korea Open, First Round. Golf
OTHER
7 p.m. Horse Racing. FS1
10 p.m. Lacrosse, World Men's Championship. ESPN2

THURSDAY

BASEBALL
1 p.m. MLB, Regional Coverage, Teams TBA. MLB
2 p.m. College World Series, Game 13. ESPN
7 p.m. College World Series, Game 14. ESPN2
7 p.m. MLB, Seattle at New York Yankees. MLB
8 p.m. Northwoods League, Bismarck vs. Minot.ESPNU
GOLF
6:30 a.m. DP World Tour, BMW International Open, First Round. Golf
11 a.m. KPMG Women's PGA Championship. First Round. Golf
3 p.m. PGA, Travelers Championship, First Round. Golf
Midnight Asian Tour, Korea Open, Second Round. Golf

FRIDAY

AUTO RACING
4 p.m. NASCAR Trucks, Rackley Roofing 200, Qualifying. FS1
5:30 p.m. Drag Racing, NHRA Summit Racing Equipment Nationals, Qualifying. FS1
5:30 p.m. NASCAR Xfinity, Tennessee Lottery 250, Practice. USA
8 p.m. NASCAR Trucks, Rackley Roofing 200. FS1
BASEBALL
6:30 p.m. MLB, Minnesota at Detroit. BSD
10 p.m. MLB, Houston at Los Angeles Dodgers. MLB
BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. WNBA, New York at Atlanta Dream. ION
10 p.m. WNBA,Dallas at Los Angeles. ION
GOLF
6:30 a.m. DP World Tour BMW International Open, Second Round. Golf
11 a.m. KPMG Women's PGA Championship, Second Round. Golf
3 p.m. PGA, Travelers Championship, Second Round. Golf
2 a.m. Asian Tour, Kolon Korea Open, Third Round. Golf
OTHER
10 p.m. Boxing, Professional Fighters League. ESPN

SATURDAY

AUTO RACING
Noon NASCAR Xfinity, Tennessee Lottery 250, Qualifying. USA
1 p.m. NASCAR Cup. Ally 400, Qualifying. USA
3:30 p.m. NASCAR Xfinity, Tennessee Lottery 250. USA
BASEBALL
1 p.m. MLB, Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis. Fox
4 p.m. MLB, New York Mets at Philadelphia. FS1
4 p.m. MLB, Oakland at Toronto. MLB
7 p.m. MLB, Houston at Los Angeles Dodgers. Fox
7 p.m. College World Series, Championship series, ESPN, ESPNU
10 p.m. MLB, Los Angeles Angels vs. Colorado. MLB
BASKETBALL
9 p.m. WNBA, Indiana at Las Vegas. NBA
FOOTBALL
8 p.m. USFL Playoffs, Semifinal. NBC
GOLF
7:30 a.m. DP World Tour, BMW International Open, Third Round. Golf
1 p.m. PGA, Travelers Championship, Third Round. Golf
3 p.m. PGA, Travelers Championship, Third Round. CBS
3 p.m. KPMG Women's PGA Championship, Third Round. NBC
3 p.m. Champions, Dick's Sporting Goods Open, Second Round. Golf
Midnight Asian Tour, Kolon Korea Open, Final Round. Golf
SOCCER
7:30 p.m. USL, Championship, Orange County SC at Detroit City FC. WMYD
10 p.m. CONCAFAF, Gold Cup, United States vs. Jamaica. FS1
OTHER
9 a.m. Horse Racing, Royal Ascot. NBC
Noon Mixed Martial Arts, UFC, Emmett vs. Topuria, Prelims. ESPN
1 p.m. Track & Field, NYC Grand Prix. NBC
1 p.m. Horse Racing. FS1
3 p.m. Mixed Martial Arts, UFC, Emmett vs. Topuria. ABC

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2022-2023 Budget

Multicultural Academy will hold a public hearing on June 22nd at 6:00 pm at 5550 Platt Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48108

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
OF HEARING
FILE NO. 22-002549-NC

In the matter of
Emily Suzanne Spotts

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held Friday, September 15, at 9:00 AM at 101 E. Huron St, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 (Zoom) before Judge Julia Owdziej for the following purpose:
name change for Emily Suzanne Spotts to Emily Suzanne Schroeder

Date: June 18, 2023

Emily Spotts
(petitioner)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FAMILY DIVISION
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
OF HEARING
FILE NO. 23-715-NC

In the matter of:
NATALIE JANE SLOWIK

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on JULY 7, 2023 AT 9AM VIA ZOOM before Judge OWDZIEJ for THE NAME CHANGE OF NATALIE JANE SLOWIK to NICO AXEL SLOWIK.
JUNE 18, 2023

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal on behalf of PARKS & RECREATION for CONSULTING SERVICES TO DEVELOP THE WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN. RFP # 8483 Due: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 @ 2:00PM EST. For more information, please logon to our website at https://www.washtenaw.org/684/Online-RFPRFI-InformationVendor-Applicat and click on open bids or call (734) 222-6760.

Pittsfield Charter Township
Board of Trustees
Meeting Synopsis

The Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on June 14, 2023. Minutes can be viewed online at www.pittsfield-mi.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at (734) 822-3120.

Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal on behalf of ADMINISTRATION. RFP # 8485 - REBID FROM 8462 - SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZATIONS SERVING OLDER ADULTS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY Due: Monday, July 31, 2023 @ 3:00PM EST. There is an optional Pre-Bid meeting scheduled at ZOOM MEETING ID: 816 3028 3962, PASSCODE: 355259 on 7/11/2023 at 1:00PM. For more information, please logon to our website at https://www.washtenaw.org/684/Online-RFPRFI-InformationVendor-Applicat and click on "open bids" or call (734) 222-6760.

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northfield Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the request of Northfield Township 8350 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189, to amend Article XXIV Supplementary Regulations and Standards of the Zoning Ordinance, 36-710 Controlled uses, to revise the definition for bar or establishments principally used for the sale and consumption of alcohol, and to revise the distancing requirements to align with State regulations.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Northfield Township Public Safety Building, 8350 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. The application is on file at the Northfield Township Building/Zoning Department, 8350 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189, and may be reviewed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments may be submitted to the Building/Zoning Department at the Township Hall (8350 Main St.) before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

This notice is in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 125,3843 (1) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Northfield Township Offices at 743-449-2880 seven days in advance.

Kathleen Manley –
Northfield Township Clerk
Published: Sunday,
June 18, 2023
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Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal on behalf of FACILITIES MANAGEMENT. RFP # 8487 - ROOFING SECTION REPLACEMENT FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY JAIL Due: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 @ 10:00AM EST. There is a MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting scheduled at BIDDERS WHO ATTENDED THE MANDATORY PRE-BID ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND A NEW PRE-BID SESSION FOR THIS RFP. ALL NEW BIDDERS SHALL EMAIL SULLIVANK@WASHTENAW.ORG TO SCHEDULE A MANDATORY PRE-BID/WALK-THRU SESSION. on at . For more information, please logon to our website at https://www.washtenaw.org/684/Online-RFPRFI-InformationVendor-Applicat and click on "open bids" or call (734) 222-6760.

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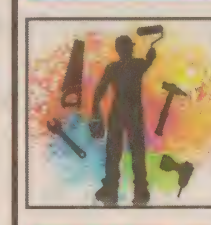

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Applications available at the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Human Resource Department, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or from the Township website: ypsitownship.org. Completed application packets will be accepted beginning Monday, June 5, 2023 thru Friday, July 28, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

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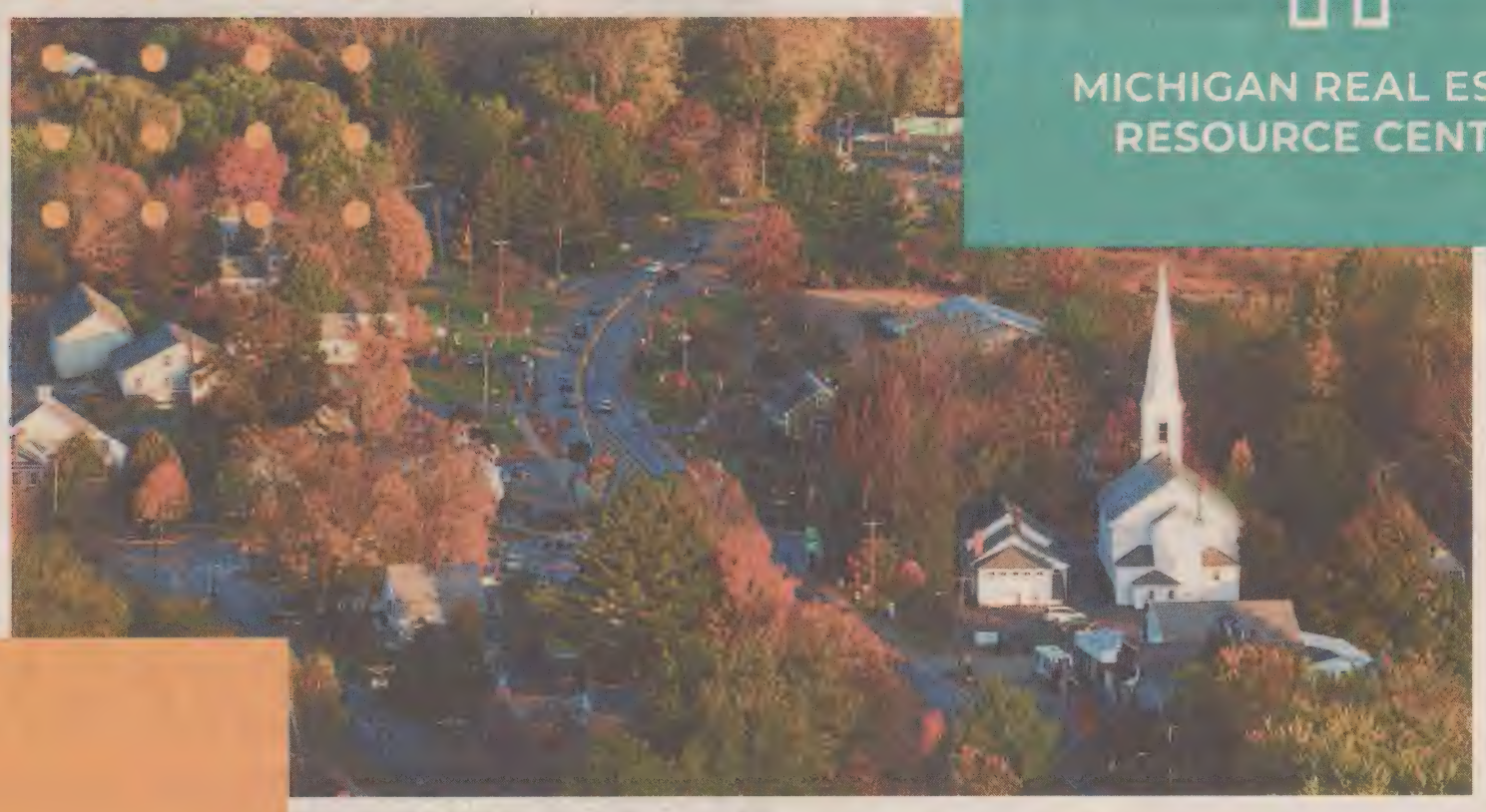

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COMMENTARY FATHER'S DAY

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Peter W. Rosenberger
For Tribune News Service

I belong to a demographic of millions who watch a parent decline. Let's face it, after a certain age, we all somewhat decline each day, but to watch the fading of a towering figure in one's life brings a unique heartache. My father has always been stoic, wise, insightful, and contemplative — a steady hand on my shoulder and those uncounted throughout his career as a Navy Chaplain, (Captain) and five decades as a minister. Yet now, age and Parkinson's disease work in tandem to chip away at abilities. Despite the encroachment of frailness, his faithfulness remains resolute.

When observing my father, I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul writing, "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16

Reflecting on my relationship with my father in the sunset of his life, my mind floods with memories, events, and the most important masculine fixture in my life for sixty years.

On Father's Day, one cannot help but contemplate how fatherhood is an increasingly complicated topic in American culture. Yet, appreciation for one's father remains among the most poignant things a son or daughter can feel.

MADNESS AND MISSING FATHERS

Likewise, a father's bestowment of blessing and pride equips that child to succeed wildly in all that matters in life – and carries a lifelong impact that extends to all a child does and becomes. The absence of those things can wreak havoc. In a world teeming with madness, one cannot help but wonder how many of society's mental illnesses and dysfunctions connect to an abdicating or abusive father.

Each day, I grow more keenly aware of the priceless treasure of having no memory of my father expressing anything other than love or pride in me – even when I didn't feel prideworthy or loveable. Recalling my worst moment, when working hard to make amends for a significant failure, I haltingly asked my father if he was ashamed of me. With an indescribable gentleness, he said, "No ... I'm more proud of you than ever."

I grieve for men and women who never heard those words – and mourn particularly for the ones who listened to the opposite.

Father's Day is challenging for many, and for some, it's tragic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There remain no unsettled issues between my father and me. I do not yearn for something he withheld. Yet, I know many do – so I write this today to speak frankly to fathers who may have unfinished business with their children. If possible, bequeath the one thing every child requires: a father's love. Too many in this world must live without it – and, in its absence, seek flimsy or destructive alternatives.

May this Father's Day be one of reconciliation and blessing – while there is still time.

For those without a father, I would point to a radical concept that happened nearly two-thousand years ago- when an odd assortment of men asked their Rabbi, "How should we pray?"

Responding to their request, the Rabbi taught a prayer that changed the world. Few had ever dared refer to the Almighty in such a way, but the Rabbi named Jesus of Nazareth stated, "Pray then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name...."

Christ instructed his disciples (both then and now) to refer to God as "Father."

RECOVERY AND RESTORATION

Father's Day may be the single most important day on the calendar. It can be the day when a lifetime of longing can be satisfied. A father's affirmation can unleash potential and undiscovered courage to recover what was lost — or restore what was damaged.

While my relationship with my father remains solid and settled, the grief steps ever closer. Living so far away creates a longing to be near him – and recently feeling the miles between us on a call, I stifled tears, saving them until afterward. Taking a drive, I turned on the radio and heard Dan Fogelberg's timeless hit about his father, "The Leader of the Band."

"I thank you for the kindness and times when you got tough.

And, Papa, I don't think I said, 'I love you' near enough."

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COMMENTARY

Three cheers for Chris Christie's takedown of Jared Kushner

He's in this fight to bloody Trump.

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The most delicious moment in Chris Christie's two-hour campaign kick-off in New Hampshire last week came when he sunk his fangs into Jared Kushner, the poster boy of privilege, a man as oblivious and corrupt as Trump himself.

"Let me tell you something everybody," Christie said. "The grift in this family is breathtaking. It's breathtaking. Jared Kushner and Ivanka Kushner walked out of the White House and two months later they get $2 billion from the Saudis?

"Do you think it's because he's some kind of investment genius? Or do you think it's because he was sitting next to the president of the United States for four years doing favors for the Saudis?

"That's your money. That's your money he stole. And you know what that makes us? A banana republic. That's what it makes us."

Ok, perhaps Christie went a tad overboard by saying Kushner "stole" $2 billion of our money. The money came from the Saudis and went straight to Kushner's investment firm.

But the deal was most surely corrupt. It came six months after Kushner left the White House, where he had personally shepherded $110 billion in arms sales to the Saudis in a 10-year deal, the biggest ever by far.

It came over the objections of the Saudi committee overseeing the funds, which had found Kushner's firm "unsatisfactory in all aspects."

The experts were overruled by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the monster who ordered the dismemberment of a Washington Post columnist, whose military slaughtered countless Yemeni civilians, and who once said, "I love working with Trump."

Richard Painter, the chief ethics officer in the George W. Bush administration, noted that this deal could have been prosecuted as bribery if Kushner took this money while still in the White House. So, he waited six months.

Kushner is the guy who got Christie fired as the head of Trump's transition team, according to several sources, including Christie. And he's suspected of blocking Christie from winning a coveted senior cabinet job, like attorney general.

Why did Kushner dislike Christie? Here's the short version: In 2003, the Kushner family was in court fighting over money and Charlie Kushner's own sister agreed to testify about Charlie's illegal campaign donations. (He was later convicted.)

Charlie's response was to hire a prostitute to fake a flat tire, seduce his sister's husband, and invite him back to her hotel room, where Charlie had installed hidden cameras to record the fun. He sent the recording to his sister during a family gathering, a stunt that led to his conviction for witness tampering.

One unforgettable detail: Charlie considered sending the tape to his sister's children as well, so they could see their daddy in that hotel room for themselves. The thugs Kushner hired to pull off this stunt talked him out of it. That's right: The thugs had more scruples than Jared's dad. "Succession," anyone?

Jared apparently held a grudge against Christie for prosecuting his dad. Really? How could anyone fault a prosecutor who found this behavior depraved and criminal?

"It was one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes that I prosecuted when I was U.S. Attorney," Christie said later.

No matter how hot your emotions run regarding Chris Christie and his biblical character flaws, you have to be glad he's in this race. His attack on Kushner is a good start.

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OPINION

TRUMP INVESTIGATIONS CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

Trump indictment has a silver lining for Republicans in 2024

The threat of prison in a second Biden term would give Trump a strong incentive to support the Republican nominee.

Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley said, if elected, she would be inclined to pardon former president Donald Trump. That would be good news for Trump, of course, and the GOP, writes Jason Willick. *Spencer Platt, Getty Images, TNS*

Jason Willick *Washington Post*

Early indications are that the Biden administration's criminal prosecution of Donald Trump will hurt the Republican Party and help the Democratic Party. Hurt the Republican Party if it consumes the 2024 primary contest and paralyzes Trump's competitors for the nomination. Help the Democratic Party if Trump, the most likely Republican nominee, is weakened politically outside the GOP.

Polarization is good politics for Democrats in the Trump era — at least it was in the 2022 midterms, when liberal groups deliberately supported MAGA candidates in Republican primaries who were easier for Democrats to dispatch in general elections. Trump's federal indictment could have a similar effect in 2024, radicalizing and isolating the GOP.

But if Republicans somehow nominate someone other than Trump, the indictment could work to the GOP's advantage in a subtle but powerful way. The threat of prison in a second Biden term would give Trump a strong incentive to support the Republican nominee and urge his base to do the same.

Normal politicians are invested in their party's success for ideological and institutional reasons. That's not true of Trump. He famously wouldn't promise to support the Republican presidential nominee in 2016 if it wasn't him.

After Trump lost the 2020 election, and elected Republicans showed insufficient enthusiasm for overturning the outcome, Trump lost his stake in the party's political success. That was evident in the Jan. 5, 2021, Senate runoffs in Georgia, where Trump nominally campaigned for incumbent GOP Sens. David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, but also told his voters that the 2020 election was rigged. Republican turnout dropped, and Democrats won both races.

TRUMP'S BASE MATTERS

Trump's base is crucial to the GOP's electoral fortunes next year, whichever candidate it nominates. The problem for the non-Trump candidates is that, even if one of them wins the nomination, Trump could severely damage that candidate's odds in a general election - by mounting a third-party bid, refusing to offer his endorsement or, more likely, declaring the GOP primary rigged and showing indifference in the general election, even as he technically endorses the Republican candidate.

Most of Trump's voters would support any Republican against President Biden, of course. But Trump has the power to affect 2024 motivation and turnout at the margins. His attitude could swing a close election, and his full-throated support of a Republican candidate other than himself is by no means guaranteed. That's where the Justice Department's indictment comes in.

The indictment has dramatically raised the stakes of this election for Trump. The 37 charges related to mishandling classified documents and obstructing the investigation into those documents could send the 77-year-old Trump to prison for the rest of his life if he's convicted, and he knows it. Trump's most certain path to beating the charges is winning the White House himself; under Justice Department policy, a sitting president can't be prosecuted.

TRUMP'S REAL PERSONAL STAKE

Failing that, Trump's best bet is for another Republican to win. His opponents have by and large responded to the indictment by blasting politicization in the Justice Department under Biden. Former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley criticized Trump's mishandling of documents but also said she'd be "inclined" to pardon him if she's elected. Expect more candidates to give similar answers as the primary season goes on.

As a matter of coalition management, a Republican president in 2025 would have every reason to intervene in Trump's prosecution — either by appointing an attorney general who would drop or narrow the case, or by issuing a pardon or commuting Trump's sentence if he is convicted. It's hard to imagine Trump going to prison during the tenure of another Republican president, who would be unable to govern effectively without Trump's base of support.

Trump now has a real personal interest — his own liberty — in ensuring that a Republican wins next year's election, even if it's not him. That will bind him to any Republican nominee in a way that he might not have been before this federal indictment.

Commentators have usefully separated the indictment's legal from its political strength. But the two aren't entirely separate: Politics is, among other things, the process of creating and executing the country's laws. The legal and political spheres intersect in the executive branch, especially in the president's power to issue clemency — overriding convictions or sentences duly imposed by the legal system.

Trump's prosecution is a political quandary for his primary challengers, who need to make the case against the former president without appearing sympathetic to a Biden administration that Republican voters fear and oppose.

But in the event that one of them succeeds, the indictment will play a different political role in the general election. By putting at risk something even more fundamental than his status and ego, Trump's prosecution would force his loyalty to a new standard-bearer for the GOP.

COMMENTARY

As more schools target 'Maus,' Art Spiegelman's fears deepen

"It's a real warning sign," the author says.

A school board in Tennessee made global news by banning Maus, Art Spiegelman's graphic novel about the Holocaust, and now another board, in Missouri is looking at the book.

Greg Sargent *Washington Post*

Right-wing culture warriors pushing restrictions on classroom instruction sometimes defend these measures by insisting that they avoid targeting historically or intellectually significant material. In their telling, these laws restrict genuinely objectionable matter — such as pornography or "woke indoctrination" — while sparing material that kids truly need to learn, even if it's controversial.

A new fracas involving a school board in Missouri will test this premise. The controversy revolves around Art Spiegelman's graphic novel about the Holocaust, and it indicates that those seeking to censor books seem oddly unconstrained by the principle that they are supposed to avoid restricting important, challenging historical material.

"It's one more book — just throw it on the bonfire," Spiegelman told me ruefully, suggesting the impulse to target books seems to have a built-in tendency to expand, sweeping in even his Pulitzer-winning "Maus" under absurd pretenses.

"It's a real warning sign of a country that's yearning for a return of authoritarianism," Spiegelman said.

The board in Nixa, a small city south of Springfield, will debate the fate of "Maus" this month. The Springfield News-Leader reports that board employees flagged it in a review in keeping with a Missouri law making it illegal to provide minors with sexually explicit material.

It's not yet clear what the employees found objectionable. But "Maus" — which illustrates Spiegelman's parents' experience of the Holocaust and features Nazis as cats and Jews as mice — graphically depicts his mother naked in a bathtub after taking her own life.

"She was sitting in a pool of blood when my father found her," Spiegelman said of his mother. It is a "rather unsexy image seen from above," he noted, and "not something I think anybody could describe as a nude woman. She's a naked corpse."

That imagery is partially what led a school board in Tennessee to ban "Maus" in January 2022. The story made global news before dropping out of our raging national arguments over book removals.

Last fall, however, a handful of other school boards in Missouri pulled "Maus" from schools (one board subsequently restored it after PEN America sounded the alarm). Yet that drew little media attention, and now that the Nixa board is also mulling the fate of "Maus," Spiegelman decided to speak out once again.

The repeated targeting of "Maus" over alleged sexual content, Spiegelman lamented, is a mere pretext. "It was the other things making them uncomfortable, like genocide," he said. "I just tried to make them clean and understandable, which is the purpose of storytelling with pictures."

The Missouri efforts appear prompted by the state's law, passed last summer, that makes the provision of "explicit sexual material" to a student a Class A misdemeanor. The law defines such material as visual depictions of sex acts or genitalia and exempts works with "serious" artistic or anthropological "significance."

But that doesn't seem to have stopped the targeting of "Maus." When I asked Nixa School Board President Josh Roberts why the book had been flagged, he told me it has been identified as "potentially violative" of school policy and state and federal law, without providing detail on which provisions might have been violated, or how.

Spiegelman said what is alarming about targeting "Maus" on specious grounds is that its "fable" form was able to reach a broad audience with a story "about dehumanizing people" and "othering." Spiegelman suggested those looking to restrict books are seeking to limit school curriculums with their own acts of othering.

"Those others can include Asians, Indigenous Americans, Black people, Muslims - not to mention LGBTQ and beyond," Spiegelman said.

The book-removal frenzy, he noted, is "about squelching what's supposed to happen in school, which is an education that allows people to become one country that can talk to each other with a base of knowledge."

All this highlights an ugly feature of this craze: Even if those targeting books are genuinely motivated by narrow objections to supposedly sexual content, they often seem undisturbed when those objections result in the removal of material with profound historical significance.

That was what happened when a Florida school limited access to Amanda Gorman's poem recited at President Biden's inauguration on utterly absurd grounds. The move's defenders didn't seem remotely troubled by the message it might send to students — that a paean to unity read by a young Black poet marking our fraught national transition to a new presidency might somehow be inappropriate for children.

With "Maus" again in the news, what's galling is the casual unconcern among many book purgers that the frenzy they've unleashed might be sweeping just a tad too broadly, targeting authors from marginalized groups and drawing in important cultural and historical artifacts. Spiegelman is right: To them, "it's one more book — just throw it on the bonfire."

OPINION

President Joe Biden speaks in Wilmington, Del., after winning the presidential election on Nov. 7, 2020. Biden said in his speech, "This is the time to heal in America." Columnists Marc A. Thiessen and Danielle Pletka argue that still applies in the wake of Donald Trump's federal indictment last week. *Andrew Harnik, AP file*

TRUMP INVESTIGATIONS CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

Biden should pardon Trump. Really.

This isn't about Trump.

It is about the nation.

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Washington Post

In his 2020 victory speech, Joe Biden declared that "to everything there is a season — a time to build, a time to reap, a time to sow. And a time to heal. This is the time to heal in America." If he wants to deliver on his promise to heal the country, he could do so with one action:

Pardon Donald Trump.

On the merits, the case against Trump is damning. And it doesn't take a close reading of the federal indictment to understand that the former president's problems are of his own making.

He allegedly showed a writer classified material about Iran, saying, "This is secret information. Look, look at this." And he obstructed the FBI's efforts to recover classified material in his possession, even allegedly telling his lawyer, "Wouldn't it be better if we just told them we don't have anything here?" Had he simply returned the documents, as Mike Pence did when it became clear he had classified papers, Trump almost certainly would not have been charged, as Pence has not been.

His misconduct was egregious, irresponsible and probably criminal. Anyone else would be seeking a plea bargain.

But his indictment has also put our nation into uncharted territory. The threshold for the sitting president's administration to indict the leading candidate of the opposing party should be extraordinarily high. High enough to mitigate the suspicion held by 80 percent of Republicans and almost half the nation, per ABC News-Ipsos polling, that these charges are politically motivated. Indeed, millions of Americans believe that our legal system is being weaponized against Trump — and, by extension, against them.

Most Americans don't look at this indictment in a vacuum. They see it in the context of the decisions not to prosecute Hillary Clinton for her mishandling of classified information; the Trump-Russia collusion investigation, which paralyzed our country for two years over a conspiracy theory; two impeachments and Trump's politicized indictment by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg; and the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story that could have damaged Joe Biden and aided Trump's 2020 campaign. They see a troubling pattern, and they are not wrong.

COURT VS. PUBLIC OPINION

The dangers this poses to our democracy are obvious.

Selective prosecution is not a defense in a court of law, but the court of public opinion is another matter. Millions will see Trump's prosecution as illegitimate, and any conviction as unjust. That will further erode public confidence in our judicial system and the principle of equal justice under law.

A Trump trial would be one of the most divisive events in the history of our republic. It would set a new precedent — and create enormous pressure on the next Republican president to go after President Biden, his family and other Democrats.

And to remedy what harm? Despite Trump's best efforts to obstruct them, federal agents recovered the documents he unlawfully possessed. And there is nothing in the indictment to indicate evidence that the intelligence in Trump's possession was obtained by foreign governments or intelligence services.

WHAT IF TRUMP WALKS?

There's another risk, too. Trump might be acquitted. All it takes is one juror and Trump walks. If that happens, University of California at Berkeley law professor John Yoo told us, then "the Justice Department will have single-handedly handed the presidency to Donald Trump." Consider the implications of that outcome for the U.S. government and political system.

Whether righteous or not, the decision to prosecute Trump has opened a Pandora's box. It is in Biden's power to close it — by pardoning his predecessor.

Trump wouldn't have to admit he did anything wrong. But pardoning him also does not mean absolving Trump of responsibility for his actions. Biden should instruct special counsel Jack Smith to produce a report — much like those issued by special counsels Robert S. Mueller III and John Durham — laying out his findings in meticulous detail.

He should put the evidence of Trump's misconduct before the American people, not just a Miami jury, and let them render judgment on the former president at the polls — as they did in 2020.

In pardoning Trump, Biden would be a true statesman. Sparing the country the ordeal of a trial would go a long way toward repairing the nation's frayed political fabric. He would display the kind of leadership that has been missing in Washington. And he would drive Trump crazy. With one action, Biden would eliminate the narrative of a "deep-state" conspiracy that is helping to fuel Trump's political comeback.

THE RIGHT TIME HAS COME

Some will argue that Trump's problems are not Biden's. The White House has insisted that the buck stops with Smith, the special counsel appointed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. That's wrong. Smith works for the attorney general, who in turn works for the president. The buck stops with Biden. He is the boss, and on his order, the "weaponization" of the executive branch against a former president and political rival — and the consequent loss of faith in American government — could be stopped.

To be sure, Biden would face blowback. Democratic strategists recognize that far from damaging Trump, the legal assaults against the former president will likely benefit him in the 2024 primaries; and many believe Trump to be the Republican easiest for Biden to beat in next year's general election.

Others think that Biden has already been too moderate; progressive hard-liners will no doubt say the president could lose his party's left flank if he hands a get-out-of-jail free card to his predecessor. And there are plenty of Democrats (and a few Republicans) who believe that pardoning a man who, a priori, appears so guilty would only further erode American respect for the rule of law.

But none of these political factors should be part of the president's consideration of Trump's legal future. This isn't about Trump. It is about the nation. It is within Biden's power to restore norms that have been torn apart by both Trump and his opponents. If ever there were a time to heal, this is it.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Free college a promise kept. Definitions of 'success' remain elusive.

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In 2005, all eyes were on Kalamazoo as the community announced a one-of-a-kind philanthropic program with an audacious "promise" — free college tuition for students who graduated from the public school system.

Eighteen years and 9,500 eligible graduates later, The Kalamazoo Promise scholarship program has been many things to many people, with undeniable positive outcomes. Compared to other communities in Michigan, Kalamazoo schools are healthier and send more kids to college.

Also, families who are relieved of the burden of college tuition can invest that money into themselves and the community in myriad ways.

"Maybe they're making a down payment on their house, or maybe they're going to get their master's degree," said Aya Miller, a Kalamazoo Gazette reporter who co-authored a package of MLive stories last week on The Promise with retired reporter Julie Mack. "So, it's money that ends up being used down the line for something else to build their futures."

But, as the children born in the year The Promise launched graduate from high school, MLive's reporting has revealed a story that is more complex, and in some ways concerning. Most notably, one generation in, there is a clear divide on college success based on race.

'MOST LIKELY TO COMPLETE'

"The people who have benefited the most from the Kalamazoo Promise have been the district's white middle-class students — and that's because they're the ones who are most likely to complete college," Mack said.

Mack, who is white, had a daughter graduate from KPS and attend Michigan State University. She never saw a bill during that undergraduate period — The Promise pays colleges directly.

"When she graduated, The Promise sent me a letter saying, 'Just so you know, we spent $50,000 on this child to get her through Michigan State."

But the program's data shows that minority students are less likely to go to four-year colleges and are far less likely to graduate. Over time, large gaps in equity (total dollars paid in tuition) and graduation rates have opened on a race basis.

A Black mother of two students who went to college on Promise funds, but ultimately dropped out, said in the reporting that disparity leaves "a bitter taste."

The Promise "was a really good idea for people who had (college) as a path," she said. "And some people, like our family, we were born on a trajectory to get a job out of high school.

"So, we have this pressure of The Promise, which is that it's a great opportunity and all this kind of stuff. But, really, if you're not ready, if you haven't been prepared on that trajectory, then how successful are you going to be?"

Promise officials have invested in counseling staff inside the organization, and at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University, destinations for a good percentage of minority students. And Battle Creek, in building its own free tuition program, added historically Black colleges and universities as eligible institutions, even though they are outside of Michigan.

"When you have this opportunity in a district that the majority of the students are Black, it gives them more of an incentive to think, 'More doors are open for me,'" Miller said.

FALLING SHORT

At launch in 2005, Kalamazoo leaders painted The Promise as having the power to transform an entire community — not just educationally, but to increase city population, drive up property values and more. That hasn't happened, the MLive reporting shows.

"Some touted this as an economic development measure — that this would break the cycle of poverty and could really transform Kalamazoo," said Mack. "In terms of a wholesale community transformation, that has not happened — it is not a silver bullet."

Which illustrates several points: A huge infusion of money does help, but not equally; and perhaps be careful what you promise — or at least, hope to achieve.

A generation in, there's no question that Kalamazoo is benefiting from this generous and innovative grand idea — even if some results aren't as hoped. That those running it have readjusted their vision and are working to make it better might be the best outcome of all.

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TECH & FINANCE

Help (still) wanted

America's businesses still can't find enough workers.

Defying 10 Federal Reserve interest rate hikes in the past 15 months, employers posted 10.1 million job openings in April, the most since January. On the assumption that ever-rising borrowing costs would cool a sizzling job market, economists had predicted fewer than 9.5 million openings.

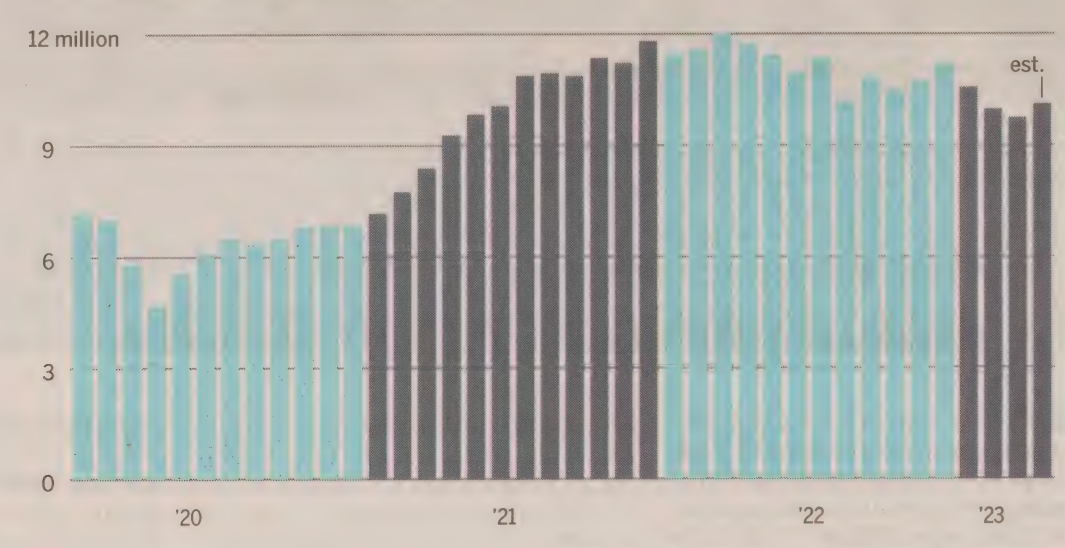
Employers' unexpectedly sustained need for labor has complicated the Fed's fight against high inflation. Fed Chair Jerome Powell has expected the job market to lose momentum and ease pressure on companies to raise wages and prices. The hope has been that employers could achieve this goal in a relatively painless way: By reducing job openings rather than by laying off many workers.

But while advertised job openings have declined since peaking at 12 million in March 2022, they remain at historically high levels. Before 2021, when the economy was rebounding from the pandemic recession, monthly openings had never topped 10 million.

The Labor Department has reported that not only did layoffs decline in April but that employers last month added 339,000 jobs, a robust total that far exceeded expectations.

We're hiring: Employers posted 10.1 million job openings in April, the most since January.

Total nonfarm job openings, seasonally adjusted



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Answers to some of your tech dilemmas

Kim Komando *komando.com*

As a national radio host, I've heard all the tech questions over the years. "Is Facebook always listening to me?" They don't need to, since they collect so much info about you.

Such questions come in year after year, and I take on answering new ones. Keep reading if you're sick of long-winded recipe blogs, your printer is acting up, or you're upgrading to a new phone any time soon.

Question: "I can never hang up pictures straight. There's got to be an app for that, right?"

Answer: There's an app for just about everything! Just hanging one thing?

- On iPhone, open the Measure app, then tap Level on the bottom right. The level will appear on the screen. Cool.
- On an Android, open the Google app or your browser and search for "bubble level." Use it like a normal level, placing it on a surface.

Hanging one picture is easy. But what if you have four pictures with two hooks on the back and want them hung exactly 5.5 inches apart?

Use the app Hang-a-Pic. You choose how many pictures, hooks, and dimensions. The app tells you exactly where to place the nails on your phone, or you can print complete directions via email.

You can use your phone to help you hang a TV, too. Nice.

Question: "I'm having problems with an Amazon order and don't want to deal with chat support. Is it possible to talk to someone, anyone at Amazon?"

Answer: There's bound to be the occasional issue with an order. Avoid the chatbots and essay-length exchanges with third-party sellers with this neat trick:

- While logged into your Amazon account, go to the Contact us page.
- Click a product from a past or open order.
- Choose your issue, then at the bottom, select I need more help.
- On the left, choose Request call now.
- Enter your phone number, and you'll see an estimated time before you receive the call.

I've never waited more than three minutes for a phone call. Be sure to have the order number handy.

Question: "I'm fed up with scrolling through so much stuff I don't care about to get to a recipe on a website. Any tricks to get right to what I want?"

Answer: So annoying, right? You found a tasty-looking recipe online but, when you open the page, you need to scroll way, way down to get to the recipe. To skip the story and jump straight to the steps, there's a fantastic app and website called Just The Recipe.

Paste that recipe's URL into the blank field at justtherecipe.com, and it'll give you the ingredients and steps you need. And if you use the app, you can save your favorite recipes to a personal cookbook.

It's available for iOS and Android.

Another terrific way to skip to the recipe: On a PC, hit Control+F and type "Print" to quickly find the recipe. On a Mac, it's Command+F.

Question: "I heard printers can be hacked. Is this true? How do I know?"

Answer: You've installed antivirus software and use unique passwords of 21 characters for all your accounts. Way to go! But it's easy to forget about this vulnerable office item.

Just like your computer, your printer is a goldmine for hackers. Printers often store copies of the docs that have been printed. Any cybercriminal could get copies of sensitive information, like your financial records.

Here are three signs your printer has been hacked:

- Your printer starts printing blank pages or a bunch of characters.
- You notice print jobs that you did not initiate.
- Your printer's settings were changed without your knowledge.

Don't panic! All you need to do is reset the printer to factory defaults:

- Unplug the printer and press and hold the printer's Reset button. (It's usually on the back or bottom of the printer.)
- While holding the Reset button, plug the printer back in, turn it on, and in about 20 seconds, lights will flash to indicate it's done.

Question: "I'm selling my phone after I upgrade to a new one. How do I know everything is wiped properly before someone else has it? Is a factory reset enough?"

Answer: Your phone contains sensitive data, including your credit card numbers, bank account details, passwords, and private pics. You don't want that info falling into the wrong hands. Just hitting delete or doing a factory reset won't cut it because advanced data recovery software that can still pry into deleted files.

To truly erase your phone, you need to do a factory reset and follow it up with a thorough data erase. This involves using specialized software that overwrites the phone's storage with random data multiple times, making it almost impossible for anyone to retrieve what you had on the phone.

Go to protectstar.com/en/products/ishredder to get iShredder for iOS, Android, Windows and macOS.

You have more third-party options when it comes to Android, such as Shreddit and Secure Eraser.

Your financial life depends on tearing into debt

Dave Ramsey *ramseysolutions.com*

Q: I've been struggling for about a year, ever since I made a stupid new-college-graduate decision to finance a car. It's a 2018 Jeep Compass, and I owe $21,000 on it. The trade-in value is about $11,000, so I really got stung on the sticker price and everything else. I also have $85,000 in student loan debt and around $7,500 on credit cards. The good news is, I make $63,000 at my job, and that should increase to $75,000 by January of next year. My girlfriend and I are renting an apartment and engaged to be married in 2025. How do I clean all this up before then?

A: Well, the good news is, you have the rest of your life to never make this kind of mistake again. I'm really sorry you're going through all this, son. What a horrible thing to experience right after college.

So, you're $10,000 upside down on a vehicle you owe $21,000 on, right? The truth is, you're kind of stuck. If you're serious about getting out of this mess and not repeating the same mistakes twice, you're going to be working like a dog for the next year or two. Right now, you need a serious side job nights and weekends — maybe two. And I'm talking bare-bones living. No vacations and no eating out for a while. You don't need to see the inside of a restaurant unless you're working there. Get what I'm saying? No unnecessary spending. Period. On top of all this, you've got to start living on a strict written monthly budget.

Now, about your fiancée. I get the desire to fix things before you get married. But married people work together on this kind of stuff all the time. Believe it or not, there's no perfect time to get married. I mean, it sounds like you two have already decided to go there and figured out neither one of you are perfect. That's just called being human. So, there's really no reason to wait on tying the knot at this point. And the truth is, the two of you can whip your finances into shape faster and much more efficiently working on it together — as a married couple.

I want you tear into this debt like your life depends on it. Because guess what, dude? It does!

AI might seem creepy, but it pays

Kim Komando *komando.com*

There's no question that artificial intelligence is changing our lives. A bot that sounds almost human can author your emails, teach you a new language, book your trips or even be your friend. Some find it creepy, but it's the future.

One woman I spoke with on my national radio show even married her AI companion. No kidding, she says he's the perfect partner.

When we're talking AI and jobs, it's easy to be nervous that the tech will make yours obsolete. Check out this list to see if AI might change the way you work for the better.

Research Scientist Machine Learning: Up to $370,000

OpenAI is the company behind ChatGPT and, yep, they're hiring. This position on the Policy Research team is for an experienced machine learning researcher. The pay range is $200,000 to $370,000 with "generous equity and benefits" like 29 weeks of paid parental leave, insurance for your whole family and unlimited time off.

The role includes testing and evaluating AI systems and developing fixes for "dangerous model capabilities and existential risks, fairness and representation, as well as untruthful, hallucinatory, or otherwise undesired model behavior."

The job is in San Francisco, and OpenAI offers relocation perks.

Senior Creative Evangelist: Up to $200,200

Adobe — the powerhouse behind Photoshop, Acrobat and all the rest — is hiring a Senior Creative Evangelist specializing in Artificial Intelligence. This role is all about building and supporting the use and understanding of AI within the company (hence Evangelist).

Up to 50% of the job requires travel since this person will lead demos, community engagement and events. Are you qualified? A bachelor's degree is preferred, with 7-plus years of experience in Community Relations and 2-plus years in the creative industry or using creative tools. Since it's Adobe, you'll also need a strong design background and portfolio.

Pay varies depending on where you work, from $100,100 to $200,200 annually.

Natural Language Processing: Up to $190,000

Insurance company GEICO is in the AI game, too. They're hiring a remote Data Scientist focused on Natural Language Processing with "experience and passion for innovation at the intersection of data experimentation and marketing."

Preferred qualifications: 3+ years of data science experience, strong statistical knowledge and expertise with Bayesian learning, design of experiments, and clustering and segmentation methods.

The pay range is $120,000 to $190,000 annually. GEICO offers insurance with no waiting period, 401k with profit sharing, and tuition reimbursement, among other benefits.

Data Annotation Specialist: Up to $105,000

Of course, Microsoft makes the list. They're hiring a Data Annotation Specialist.

There's no college degree required, but you must speak and write in Quebec French.

This operations role will help "building the next generations of speech recognition by producing high-quality transcriptions which train and improve Microsoft products and services."

The person hired will use in-house tools to transcribe and annotate data, review content for accuracy and consistency and evaluate transcription tools.

Qualifications include a high school diploma or GED, a fantastic grasp of Quebec French and 2-plus years of troubleshooting or customer service experience.

Prompt Engineer & Librarian: Up to $375,000

AI safety and research company Anthropic seeks the right person to "discover, test and document best practices," build a library of prompts to accomplish tasks, create tutorials and work directly with customers.

The San Francisco-based role is a good fit if you have "a creative hacker spirit and love solving puzzles" and "a passion for making powerful technology safe and societally beneficial."

The expected salary range is $280,000 to $375,000, along with equity. Benefits include insurance for you and the family, 401k with 4% matching, unlimited PTO, and relocation support to move to the Bay Area.

Advice

TELL ME ABOUT IT
CAROLYN HAX

New parent faces mom's death, dad's new girlfriend

Hi, Carolyn: I lost my mom to cancer in 2019, a little over a year after she was diagnosed and went through chemo and radiation. She was the most amazing mother, and we were incredibly close.

I've since gotten married, and we have a baby (he looks so much like my mom, and this makes me so happy). I have a strained relationship with my father, going on for years, and he was still married to my mother at the time of her death.

He has been looking to date since six months after my mom died. He has been oversharing his attempts to find a girlfriend since the beginning, and it's been disturbing to hear. Ever since he found this girlfriend a couple of months ago, my dad seems completely uninterested in my son. He doesn't ask for photos, doesn't ask about milestones, doesn't ask how we're all doing.

My spouse, son and I are going back for about a week to the state where I grew up, mostly to celebrate my mom's birthday in her favorite place, go to the cemetery and visit some old friends of mine. We're going to stay with my father for a couple of nights so he can spend some time with my son, and I know he's going to want to introduce his girlfriend to him (and me).

I can't stop getting upset and resentful that my mom never got to meet her grandson and that his girlfriend will meet my son. How do I approach this situation when everything about it upsets me? *Upset*

Upset: My first children were born eight months after my mother died. She was 61 and energetic, so until she was diagnosed with ALS, I had envisioned her as a part of my life for a good 20 years more, or beyond. We were "incredibly close."

Shortly after her death, my father — who loves my mother achingly to this day — fell in love again. So please know this comes from a place of sympathy: While your devastation makes a lot of sense to me, your cause-and-effect trail does not.

It is no one's fault that your mother got cancer and died before she could be a wonderful grandmother to your child. There is ample room for grief and frustration and rage at the universe for its arbitrary cruelty, but it is absolutely, profoundly unfair to act out any of these feelings with your father or his girlfriend.

It's also unfair to your son to introduce your emotional obstacles into his relationship with his grandfather and the grandmother figure the girlfriend can be. Your dad might not be the grampiest grampa out there, but he's what you've got, so work within his limitations.

You'll undermine yourself, too, if you yield to your angriest impulses here. Your mother's death is an argument for nurturing your other family relationships, not hacking them out at the root.

As for your dad's immersion first in dating and now in his new relationship, please consider an argument for compassion, or at least patience with him through this process. When one longtime spouse begins dating shortly after the other spouse dies, it's common for their children to see that as if the deceased no longer matters to their living parent. But it's often the opposite: The widow(er)s from the happiest marriages often date quickly because they so badly miss the companionship that kept them warm for so long. What comes across as an insult to your mother's memory may be the highest possible compliment.

Write to Carolyn Hax at Tell Me About It, Sunday Source, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20071. Email: tellme@washingtonpost.com

DEAR ABBY
JEANNE PHILLIPS

SIL's unhinged behavior burns bridge to family

Dear Abby: I'm hoping you can help with an ongoing issue I'm having with my sister-in-law. She has verbally assaulted me four times, each time acting like she doesn't remember what she said or apologizing — only to do it again. When these assaults happen, she's intoxicated and high (I suspect she has an addiction problem).

I have never been anything but kind to her, her husband and her children, and I never fight back. These attacks happen mostly via phone or text, after which I hang up or block her. Once, it happened in person, and I just walked away. I have done this so it doesn't cause even more problems, but I have reached my limit.

What do I do next time I see her at a mutual get-together? I already told my husband I will no longer attend events at her home. *Hates All The Drama*

Dear Hates: Have you or your husband approached your sister-in-law's husband about her erratic behavior and your concern about her substance abuse? I think you should. However, if you can't bring yourself to do that, treat her as you would any other rude acquaintance you would prefer to avoid. When you see her at mutual get-togethers, stay on the other side of the room and do not engage with her.

Dear Abby: Our son and his wife were visiting with us in our living room. While we were talking, his wife picked up her cellphone and several times initiated texts during their brief visit. My spouse and I think it was rude, but we haven't said anything to them. Should we? We would prefer that everybody be fully present during the short time we're together.

During a prior visit at our house, I asked her a question. As she was about to answer me, her cellphone buzzed. She got up, made a phone call and left the room for a while. Her call wasn't an emergency; it was just to chat. We thought that was rude, too.

What, if anything, should we say or do? She makes frequent texts and phone calls when we visit them. Are the rules different at their house? *Perplexed Dad In Texas*

Dear Dad: Your daughter-in-law's behavior was rude and disrespectful. In your house, you should establish the rules. Consider making one of them leaving cellphones in a basket at your front door. (In your son and DIL's home, they can make the rules.) You should have spoken up about how she made you feel the first time it happened, because the unspoken message she conveyed to you was that she wasn't interested in interacting with you.

Dear Readers: Happy Father's Day to fathers everywhere — birth fathers, stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers, grandfathers, and all of you caring men who mentor children and fill the role of absent dads.

P.S. Also, a big shoutout to dual-role moms. I applaud you all — today and every day. *Love, Abby*

Write Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069 or DearAbby.com.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Reader sounds off about caller ID

Dear Heloise: Like many other people, I do not answer calls when I don't recognize the number. I have an old-fashioned answering machine, and if it is important, I can cut in before they hang up.

When it comes to medical alert systems, it seems to me that it would be prudent for those companies to put a proper ID on their phones. The same goes for any legitimate company. I do not see why it should be on us to pick up just in case it is a medical alert company. In fact, I find it very annoying that companies are not identified. *Beryl Tarr, via email*

TWO HELPFUL HINTS

Dear Heloise: In response to Joan R., pizza cutters can easily be sharpened and are not as messy as using scissors.

In response to Esther G., she can get wooden "tongs" made for grabbing both sides of a piece of toast or a bagel and pull it straight out of a toaster. *Falcon Frank, Ventura, California*

EASY MICROWAVE CLEANING

Dear Heloise: When we bought a microwave many years ago, we recieved instructions on how to clean off food debris. Place a very damp, wet paper towel with water and place it over the stuck-on food bits. Turn the microwave on for 30 seconds or less, and it wipes right off!

To clean the entire microwave, get a clean paper towel and do it again if there are more spots to clean. For stuck-on food spills in the freezer, I take a clean, wet dishcloth. Microwave it for 30 seconds, and then stick it onto stuck-on drips or frozen juice spills in the freezer. It loosens it up nicely. Then, I just repeat, rinsing out the dishcloth, until everything is clean. I love to read your column. *Terry, Gore, Virginia*

HINT FOR TEA

Dear Heloise: I take a mug of chamomile tea with me when I go to bed. I find it helps me get to sleep. Usually, I drink most of it before I fall asleep, and I would always crave another sip. So, I started taking a thermos of hot water to add to the mug. It is hot enough to make more tea. *Carolyn M., via email*

STORING GINGER

Dear Heloise: You know what's even better than refrigerating ginger? Freezing it instead! Seal tight in a freezer baggie. If you need to grate it, it's much easier when frozen. And, when frozen, it stays fresh for even longer. *P.U., via email*

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EVERYDAY CHEAPSKATE
MARY HUNT

When should you refrain from filing an insurance claim?

Insurance is a funny thing. You pay a small fortune to get it and keep it. Then, if you have the blatant audacity to actually file a claim, the company either increases your premiums or cancels you altogether.

While the world of insurance can at times be so confusing as to be maddening, going without basic property and automobile coverage is simply not an option. The financial risk is just too great. But there are some things you can do to make sure you don't stand out to the company as an intolerable risk.

COVER THE LITTLE STUFF YOURSELF

Instead of looking for ways to recoup your premium by making lots of small claims, raise your deductibles to $500 or $1,000 and then do not make a claim unless the damage exceeds that limit. The real problem with filing a small claim is that it can count against you if you ever need to file a bigger claim. A good rule of thumb is to not file a claim if the damage is under $1,000.

NO INJURIES? DON'T FILE

If the incident is your fault and does not involve injuries, then not telling your insurance company will help protect your premium. Your state may require that accidents involving property damage beyond a certain dollar amount must be reported to its department of motor vehicles. Of course you must do that if you've crossed the legal threshold. But if the damages are less than say $1,000 and you can swing it, then paying out of pocket will be cheaper than facing increased premiums for years to come. Mishaps reported to your insurer, no matter how minor, become a black mark against your record because it makes you appear to be accident-prone.

GOT MOLD? TREAD SOFTLY

If you suffer water damage that has even a hint of bringing up the word "mold," do all you can to not file a claim. Of course you will have no choice if you've suffered a major disaster. But if we're talking about the washing machine overflowing or wet carpet smelling a bit on the moldy side, filing a claim will do more than increase your premium. It could make it impossible for you to buy a policy at all. Home insurers are becoming mold-phobic, and even a phone report that suggests you might have a mold problem goes into a history file tied to you and the property. That could make it difficult to sell the house in the future.

SELF-INFLICTED NEGLECT

Think twice before filing a claim that is the result of your neglect. Most policies won't cover damage that the insurer determines was preventable if you'd only taken reasonable care to maintain the property in question. Filing a claim will only raise a red flag and add another black mark to your record. While you might think that neglecting things like leaky faucets and roofs will eventually lead to a nice insurance claim that will pay for new carpeting and a complete paint job, think again. You're asking for trouble if you try to pull a fast one on your insurance company.

Write Mary Hunt at mary@everydaycheapskate.com.

HOROSCOPE NANCY BLACK

Today's Birthday (06/18/23). Clarify objectives and prepare this year. Grow your career, step by step. Prepare to jump physical hurdles this summer for autumn love and romance. Process transitions over a private winter. Adapt with a springtime change of heart, before friends initiate a fun adventure. What's possible?

Aries (March 21-April 19) – Today is an 8 – Profit through communications for two weeks. Possibilities spark in conversation over this New Moon phase. Creative projects flower. Express, share and connect. Write your story.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) – Today is a 9 – Discover fresh markets and rising prosperity. Begin a lucrative New Moon phase. Strengthen financial foundations for growth. Gather in a healthy harvest. Distribute and save.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) – Today is a 9 – Pursue personal dreams. Expand talents, capacities and skills over two weeks, with the New Moon in your sign. Grow and develop. Shine your light.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) – Today is an 8 – Imagine the possibilities. Dreams seem within reach. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle with tonight's New Moon. Enjoy a two-week creative, imaginative and organizational phase.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) – Today is an 8 – Connect to share support for big results. This New Moon phase benefits team efforts. Grow through friendships, social networks and community participation. Have fun together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Today is a 9 – Pursue exciting possibilities. This New Moon illuminates professional opportunities. Develop interesting projects over the next two weeks. Your career, status and influence rise.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Today is a 7 – Consider new perspectives. Educational opportunities arise after tonight's New Moon. The next two-week phase favors study, investigation and exploration. Make connections, contributions and discoveries.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) – Today is a 9 – Find creative ways to grow your family nest egg. A lucrative two-week phase dawns with this New Moon. Launch valuable initiatives with your partner.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) – Today is an 8 – Collaboration comes naturally, especially over two weeks following tonight's Taurus New Moon. You're on the same wavelength. Take your partnership to the next level.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Today is an 8 – Practice makes perfect. Energize physical action. The New Moon tonight initiates two weeks of growing work, health and strength. Put your heart into your moves.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Today is a 9 – Enjoy yourself. Stir up some romance. The New Moon begins a two-week family, fun and passion phase. Get creative. It's all for love.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Today is a 7 – Get creative. Realize domestic visions with upgrades over a two-week New Moon phase. Improve the beauty and functionality of your home. Nurture family.

NEWS & WEATHER

THE WEEK IN PHOTOS

Philippines villagers flee from erupting Mayon Volcano

Lava flows down the slopes of Mayon Volcano Thursday as seen from Legazpi, Albay province, northeastern Philippines. Thousands of residents have left the mostly poor farming communities within a 3.7-mile radius of Mayon's crater in forced evacuations since volcanic activity spiked last week.

Photo by Aaron Favila, Associated Press

Step Afrika! performs Tuesday during a Juneteenth concert on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington. Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19. *Susan Walsh, AP*

People rally Tuesday outside the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. U.S. Courthouse in Miami as former President Donald Trump appeared in federal court on dozens of felony charges related to illegally hoarding classified document. *Rebecca Blackwell, AP*

A smoky haze enveloped Minneapolis, seen from the south across I-35W on Wednesday, as smoke from Canadian wildfires continues to drift into the U.S. *Glen Stubbe, Minneapolis Star Tribune/TNS*

This image taken from a video shows a tornado on Wednesday in Blakely, Georgia. Officials from Texas to Georgia reported damaging winds and possible tornadoes as a powerful storm system crossed the South. *Rand McDonald via AP*

A rainbow is seen Thursday over a residential area in the outskirts of Srinagar, Indian-controlled Kashmir. *Dar Yasin, AP*

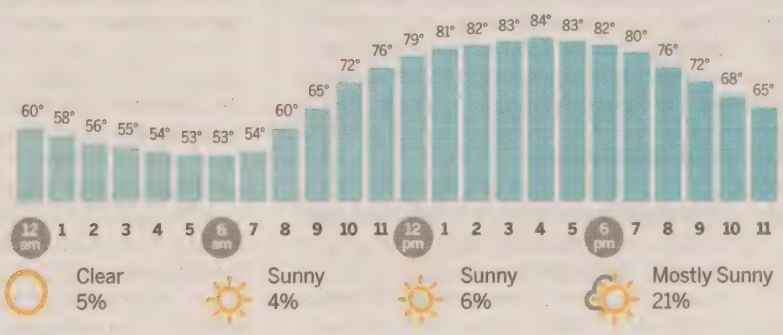
Ann Arbor weather today

Mostly sunny

High Low **84° 53°**
Feels like 82° 53°
Average 69°

Winds. 4 mph, ESE
Humidity. 71%

Hourly forecast **Sunrise** 5:57 a.m. **Sunset** 9:14 p.m. **Moonrise** 5:54 a.m. **Moonset** 10:16 p.m.



Extended forecast

Tomorrow	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
83° 57°	**85° 62°**	**84° 64°**	**83 63°**	**82 64°**	**81° 63°**
Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy with scattered showers and scattered storms
Wind 7 mph, ESE	**Wind** 9 mph, E	**Wind** 10 mph, E	**Wind** 9 mph, ESE	**Wind** 9 mph, ESE	**Wind** 7 mph, SE
Precipitation 0% chance	**Precipitation** 0% chance	**Precipitation** 0% chance	**Precipitation** 0% chance	**Precipitation** 0% chance	**Precipitation** 26% chance

Almanac

Yesterday

High Low **80° 50°**
Average 66°

Precipitation* 0"
Max wind 7 mph, NNW
Wind gust 10 mph
Humidity max. 100%
Humidity min. 28%
Humidity avg. 85%
Dewpoint max. 54°
Dewpoint min. 44°
Dewpoint avg. 50°

Last 30 days

Temp. max. 89°
Temp. min. 35°
Avg. high low 76° 49°
Precipitation* 1.79"
YTD precip.* 13.70"

Moon phases

New Jun. 18
First Jun. 26
Full Jul. 03
Third Jul. 09

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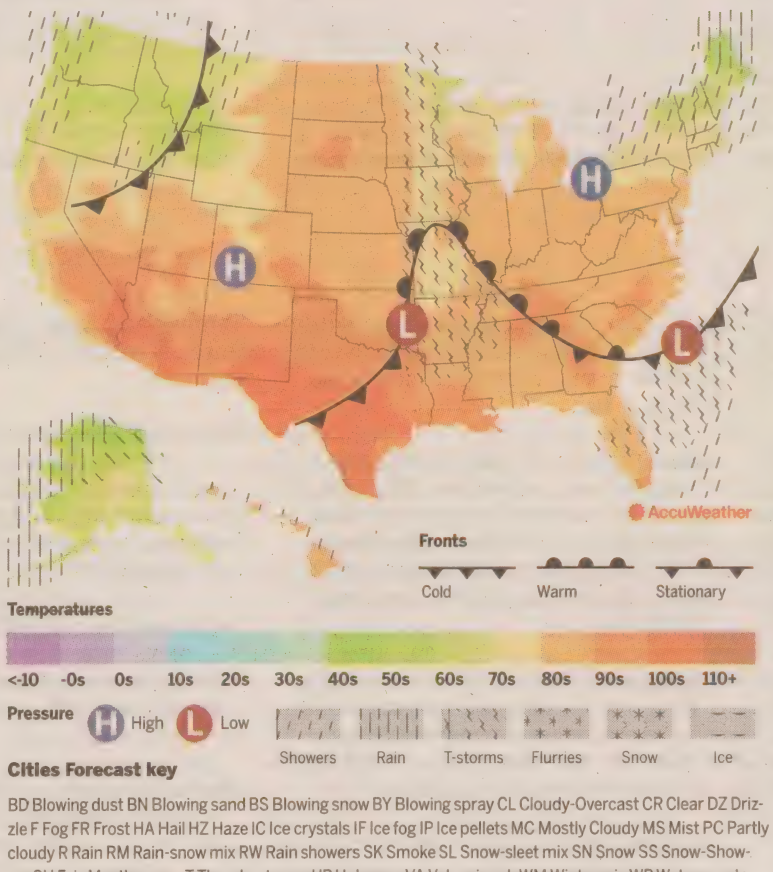
National Forecast



Temperatures

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Pressure H High L Low

Showers Rain T-storms Flurries Snow Ice

Cities Forecast key

BD Blowing dust BN Blowing sand BS Blowing snow BY Blowing spray CL Cloudy-Overcast CR Clear DZ Drizzle F Fog FR Frost HA Hail HZ Haze IC Ice crystals IF Ice fog IP Ice pellets MC Mostly Cloudy MS Mist PC Partly cloudy R Rain RM Rain-snow mix RW Rain showers SK Smoke SL Snow-sleet mix SN Snow SS Snow-Showers SU Fair-Mostly sunny T Thunderstorms UP Unknown VA Volcanic ash WM Wintry mix WP Waterspouts ZD Freezing drizzle ZF Freezing fog ZR Freezing rain ZS Freezing spray

Region	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow		Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Bad Axe	76-50 SU	81-53 SU	82-60 SU	Mack. City	66-49 SU	71-53 SU	73-58 SU
Bay City	79-53 SU	83-58 SU	84-62 PC	Marquette	64-52 PC	71-53 SU	71-60 SU
C. Harbor	58-46 PC	62-50 PC	63-56 SU	Marshall	80-50 SU	82-58 SU	86-62 PC
Escanaba	68-48 SU	71-53 SU	73-57 PC	Milwaukee	72-57 SU	72-60 PC	75-63 SU
Flint	79-53 SU	84-57 SU	86-61 PC	Mt. Pleasant	80-48 SU	84-56 SU	86-60 PC
Fort Wayne	81-53 SU	85-60 SU	85-63 PC	Muskegon	75-52 SU	84-59 SU	84-64 PC
Grand Rapids	81-52 CR	85-61 SU	89-65 PC	Port Huron	70-52 SU	77-56 SU	76-60 PC
Green Bay	61-52 SU	66-54 SU	66-59 PC	Saginaw	81-53 SU	86-58 SU	87-63 PC
Houghton	76-54 PC	82-57 SU	80-62 SU	S.S. Marie	73-51 SU	80-54 SU	82-57 PC
Jackson	80-51 SU	84-56 SU	86-61 PC	South Bend	80-52 SU	86-61 SU	88-64 PC
Kalamazoo	81-51 SU	86-60 SU	89-66 PC	South Haven	70-52 SU	80-61 SU	82-64 PC
Lansing	81-53 SU	85-59 SU	87-64 PC	Toledo	82-57 HZ	82-61 SU	82-64 PC
London	74-51 SU	81-57 SU	83-62 PC	Trav. City	74-49 CR	82-57 SU	86-63 PC

U.S.	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow		Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Anchorage	62-49 PC	70-52 SU	70-54 PC	Minneapolis	85-66 PC	79-65 T	88-72 SU
Atlanta	89-66 T	90-69 SU	82-70 T	Nashville	89-62 SU	92-68 T	83-70 T
Boston	67-59 T	69-58 RW	69-59 PC	New York City	79-64 RW	80-66 PC	78-66 PC
Charlotte	86-64 SU	89-69 SU	86-69 T	New Orleans	96-79 T	96-79 SU	96-80 T
Chicago	72-58 SU	77-65 PC	74-65 PC	Orlando	91-75 T	89-75 T	91-75 T
Cleveland	72-57 HZ	74-59 SU	80-65 PC	Palm Springs	103-76 CR	99-71 CR	93-68 SU
Dallas	94-76 T	96-72 SU	99-80 SU	Phoenix	104-78 CR	107-79 SU	102-76 SU
Denver	70-50 T	86-56 SU	89-60 SU	Pittsburgh	77-52 PC	82-55 SU	87-67 SU
Detroit	81-56 SU	83-59 SU	84-65 PC	Portland	70-51 MC	61-47 RW	60-49 T
Honolulu	86-74 SU	89-73 RW	87-73 RW	San Diego	72-62 PC	72-61 PC	70-59 PC
Houston	98-80 PC	100-80 PC	100-81 SU	San Francisco	66-56 PC	65-53 SU	63-52 CR
Indianapolis	82-56 SU	86-65 SU	86-68 T	San Juan	84-79 RW	85-80 RW	84-80 RW
Kansas City	89-66 T	81-65 T	88-69 SU	Seattle	61-49 RW	57-47 RW	59-51 RW
Las Vegas	99-78 CR	100-76 BD	94-69 BD	St. Louis	89-66 SU	82-68 T	85-70 T
Los Angeles	73-61 PC	72-61 F	71-58 PC	Tampa	91-77 T	90-78 T	92-80 T
Miami	91-78 T	90-79 T	90-80 T	Washington	83-60 PC	87-62 CR	89-69 SU

World	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow		Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	84-62 SU	86-64 SU	85-63 CR	Nassau	89-78 T	89-78 T	89-79 T
Amsterdam	80-65 SU	76-65 R	72-64 RW	Paris	86-69 RW	77-60 T	79-67 RW
Buenos Aires	55-35 PC	55-49 SU	58-49 MC	Prague	70-54 RW	79-58 PC	80-62 RW
Dublin	67-59 RW	67-55 RW	72-57 RW	Riyadh	102-80 SU	102-82 SU	104-78 CR
Jerusalem	95-63 CR	78-60 SU	78-61 CR	Rome	85-62 CR	86-63 SU	88-64 PC
Ljubljana	79-57 SU	82-55 SU	86-59 PC	Seoul	85-68 PC	87-71 PC	93-70 SU
London	77-62 RW	76-60 RW	76-59 MC	Tokyo	85-70 CR	89-69 PC	80-64 PC
Madrid	92-69 RW	87-68 RW	84-67 RW	Toronto	74-57 SU	77-59 SU	76-62 SU
Mexico City	81-57 PC	81-55 CR	82-57 SU	Vancouver	66-51 MC	63-50 R	59-51 R

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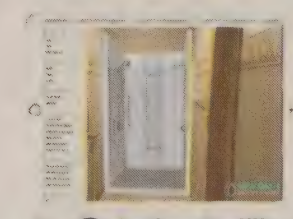

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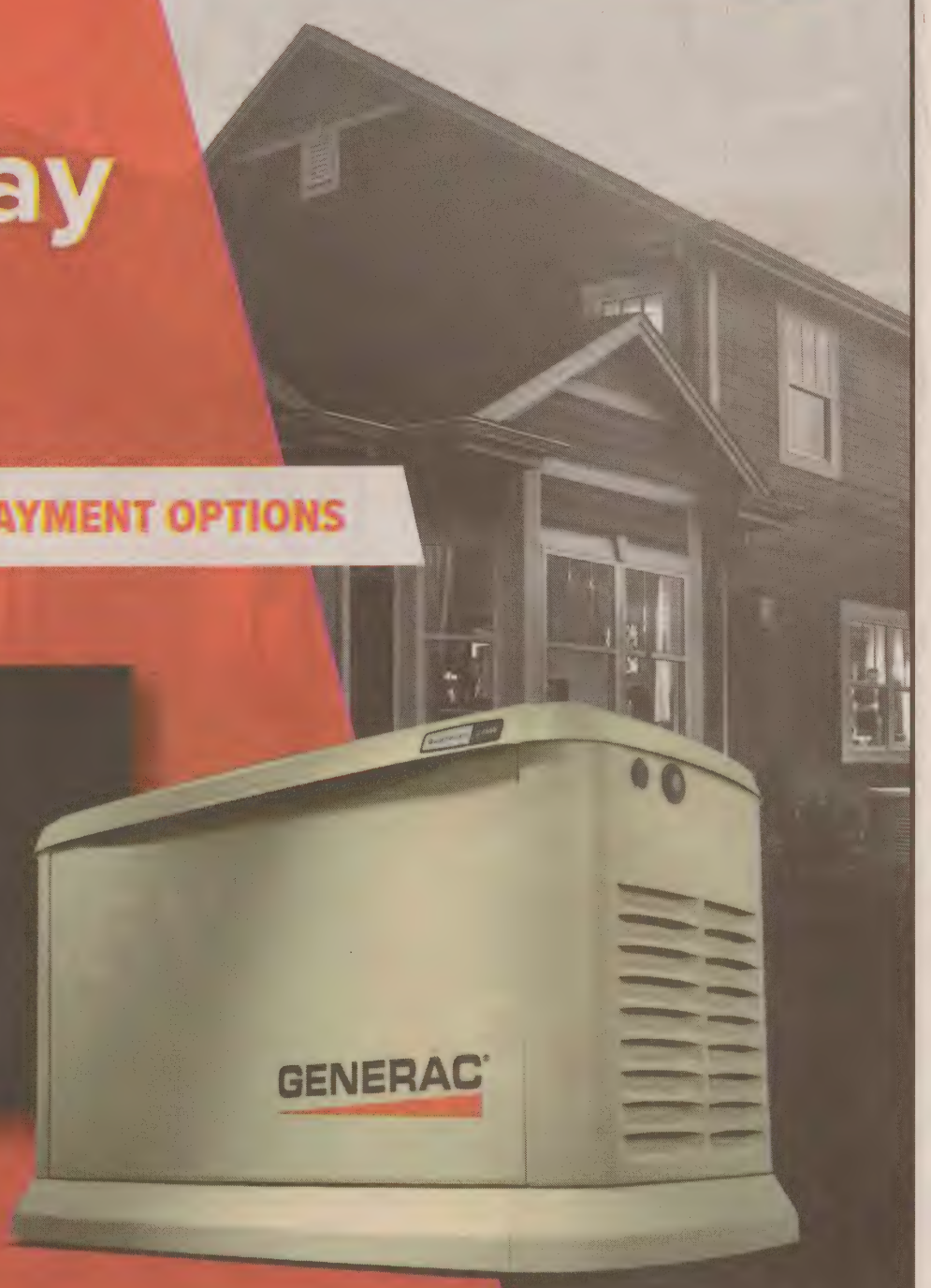

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY DIK BROWNE

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TODAY IS MY FIRST DAY OF VACATION!
SAME HERE!
I'M OFF FOR THREE WEEKS!
I COULD ONLY GET TWO WEEKS OFF!
LET ME KNOW WHEN THIS FIRST JOB IS FINISHED!
YOU'RE LUCKY!
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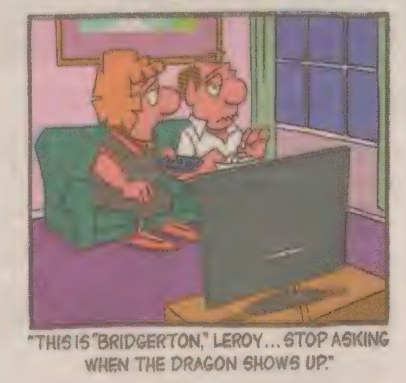
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"DO YOU WANT YOUR COFFEE BLACK? GRUNT ONCE FOR 'YES,' TWICE FOR 'NO.'"



"THIS IS "BRIDGERTON," LEROY... STOP ASKING WHEN THE DRAGON SHOWS UP."

"THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL NEEDS A NEW BULB."

B.C.

BY MASON MASTROIANNI AND MICK MASTROIANNI

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JUMP START

BY ROBB ARMSTRONG

The Fire Department didn't use City funds for their ice cream truck like the cops did...
They used donations.
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They're thanking the community with the free ice cream.
...and their truck is way cooler than yours.
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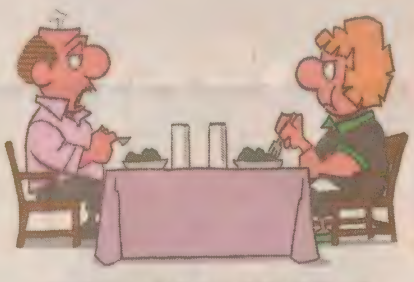
-with more flavors than a brick-and-mortar parlor.
MENU
You guys can't compete with them, so stop trying.
Any more questions, Joe?
OH A ROLL is a Hyper-Jumbo Treasury
HOW DO YOU DISGUISE YOURSELF AS A LITTLE KID, CARLA?
I've said too much already.



"WHAT? ALL I SAID WAS YOUR MEATLOAF GOT ONE DISLIKE."

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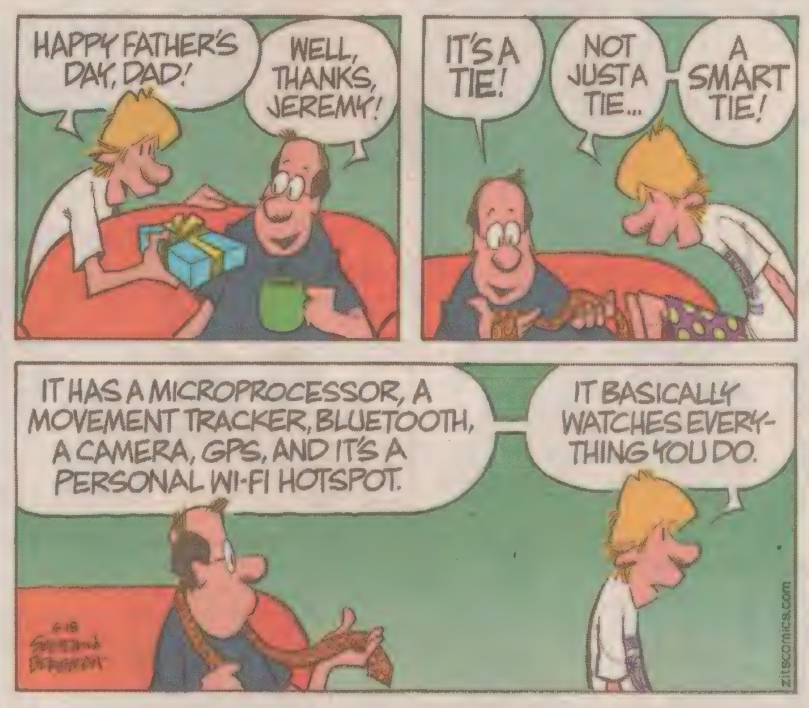
JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN


HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, DAD!
WELL, THANKS, JEREMY!
IT'S A TIE!
NOT JUST A TIE...
A SMART TIE!
IT HAS A MICROPROCESSOR, A MOVEMENT TRACKER, BLUETOOTH, A CAMERA, GPS, AND IT'S A PERSONAL WI-FI HOTSPOT.
IT BASICALLY WATCHES EVERY-THING YOU DO.
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BABY BLUES

GOSH! THANKS FOR ALL THIS, GUYS!
BUT FATHER'S DAY ISN'T OVER!
NOW YOU GET TO CHOOSE A FAMILY ACTIVITY WE CAN ALL DO TODAY!
HMM... WELL, LET'S SEE...
CAN IT BE SOMETHING I USED TO LIKE TO DO WITH MY DAD WHEN I WAS A KID?
SURE!
NAME IT!
BEST NON-ELECTRONIC FATHER'S DAY EVER!
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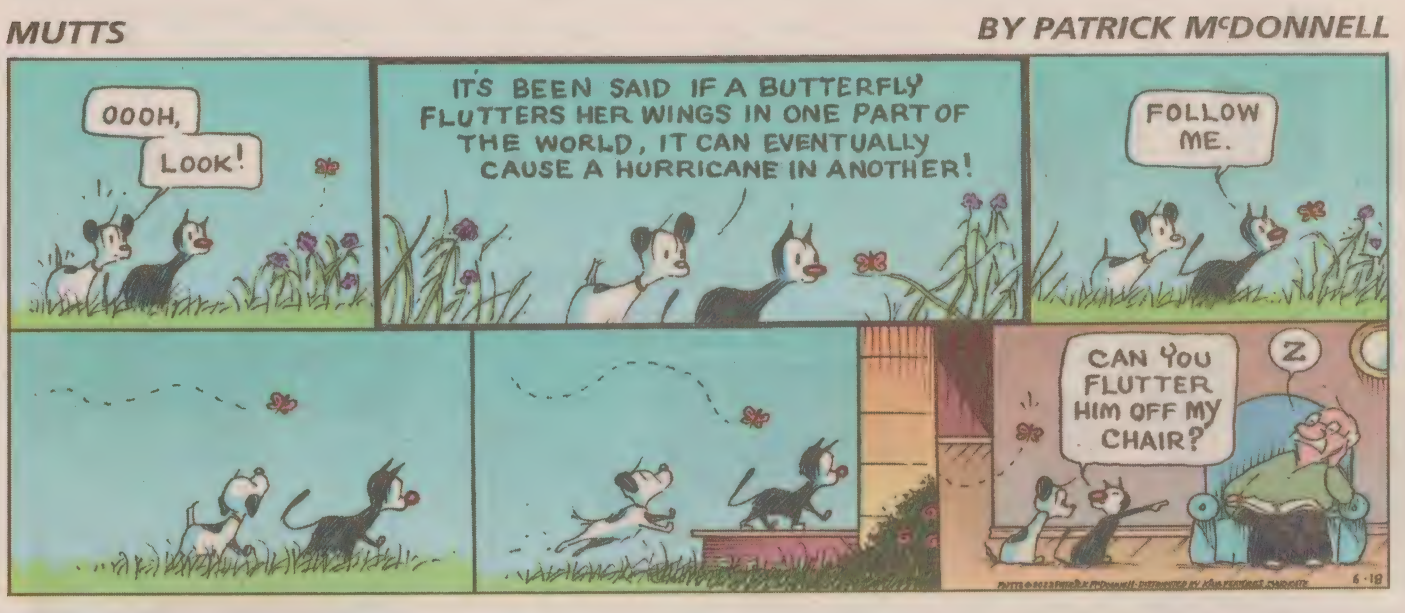
MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


OOOH, LOOK!
IT'S BEEN SAID IF A BUTTERFLY FLUTTERS HER WINGS IN ONE PART OF THE WORLD, IT CAN EVENTUALLY CAUSE A HURRICANE IN ANOTHER!
FOLLOW ME.
CAN YOU FLUTTER HIM OFF MY CHAIR?
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PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

BRIGHT COPPER KETTLES ♪ AND WARM WOOLEN MITTENS
DO YOU HAVE TO SING SO LOUDLY?
WHY DON'T YOU SING WITH ME?
BROWN PAPER PACKAGES TIED UP WITH ♪ STRINGS...
GIMME A BREAK, GIMME A BREAK...
BREAK ME OFF A PIECE OF THAT KIT KAT BAR!
I MEANT THE SAME SONG!
TO EACH HIS OWN.
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Crabgrass

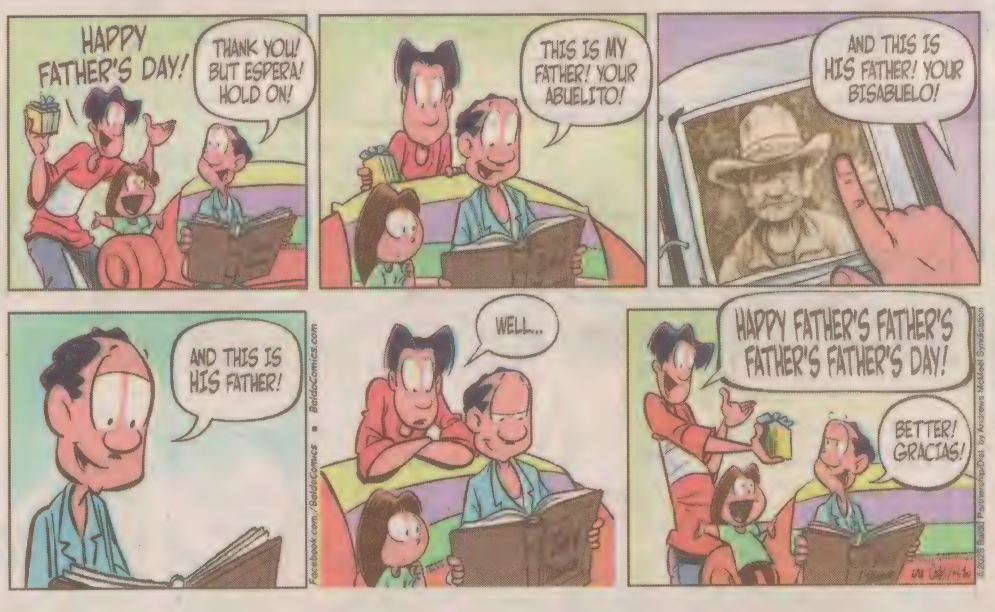
BY TAUHID BONDIA

CLASSIC PEANUTS
BY CHARLES SCHULZ

HELLO, DAD? I JUST CALLED TO WISH YOU A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
WHAT?
I HAVE THE NUMBER HERE OF YOUR MOTEL, AND I JUST THOUGHT I'D SURPRISE YOU
THIS ISN'T A MOTEL
ARE YOU HAVING A GOOD TIME? ARE YOU SWINGING ANY BIG DEALS?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING?
WHAT?
I SAID, WHO ARE YOU CALLING? WHO IS THIS?
CHUCK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
I'M NOT THERE... I'M HERE! I THINK YOU DIALED THE WRONG NUMBER...
CHUCK, YOU ALWAYS SPOIL EVERYTHING!!
I SUPPOSE SOMEDAY WHEN I GET TO BE A FATHER, IT'LL BE EVEN WORSE...

BALDO

by HECTOR CANTÚ and CARLOS CASTELLANOS


HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
THANK YOU! BUT ESPERA! HOLD ON!
THIS IS MY FATHER! YOUR ABUELITO!
AND THIS IS HIS FATHER! YOUR BISABUELO!
AND THIS IS HIS FATHER!
WELL...
HAPPY FATHER'S FATHER'S FATHER'S FATHER'S DAY!
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GARFIELD
BY JIM DAVIS

BWAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAHHHHHHH!!
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ARE YOU MY AGE NIGHTMARE?
AGE NIGHTMARE?!
NO, I'M YOUR TEN POUNDS OF EXTRA FAT NIGHTMARE!
MY BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP... THIS IS MY AGE NIGHTMARE WEEK
WELL, DANG! NOBODY TOLD ME...

CURTIS

BY RAY BILLINGSLEY

DAD, I HAVE A BIG ASK. BUT FIRST, I HAVE A SIMPLE REQUEST
"ASK" AND "REQUEST" ARE THE SAME THING...
I'D LIKE YOU TO LISTEN TO MY WHOLE REQUEST. DON'T IMMEDIATELY ASSUME THE WORST AND START ROLLING YOUR EYES, OK?
MY EYES ARE ALREADY ROLLING AT THIS INTRO
AND DON'T BE THINKING OF 80 REASONS TO SAY NO UNTIL YOU'VE HEARD ME OUT
IS 73 OK?
I NEED YOU TO BE A CALM, COOL, OPEN-MINDED DAD WHO'S NOT PARANOID AND OVERPROTECTIVE
I'M LOST. IS THIS STILL THE 'SIMPLE REQUEST' OR ARE WE IN THE 'BIG ASK'...?
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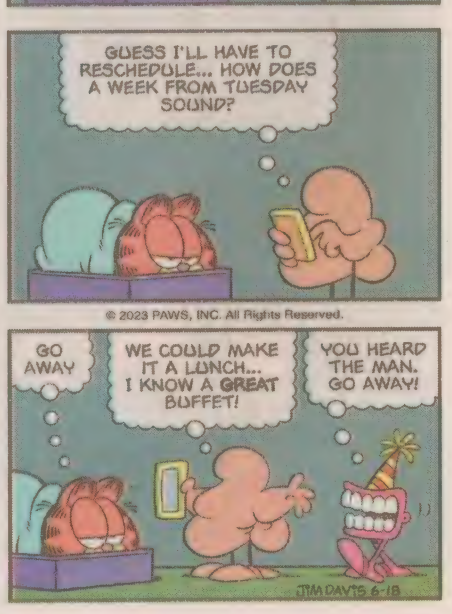
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO RESCHEDULE... HOW DOES A WEEK FROM TUESDAY SOUND?
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GO AWAY
WE COULD MAKE IT A LUNCH... I KNOW A GREAT BUFFET!
YOU HEARD THE MAN. GO AWAY!
JIM DAVIS 6-18

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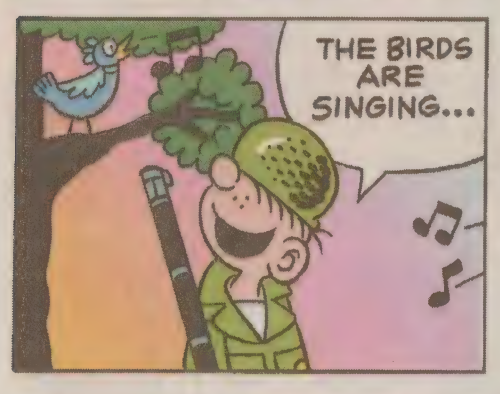
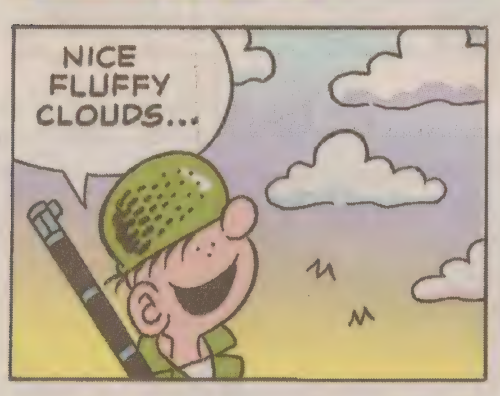
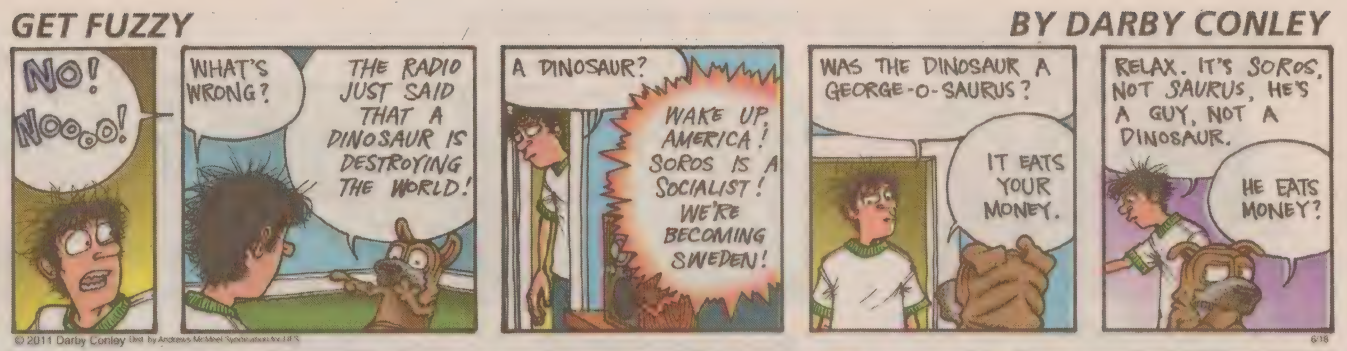




GET FUZZY — BY DARBY CONLEY


NO! Nooo!
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE RADIO JUST SAID THAT A DINOSAUR IS DESTROYING THE WORLD!
A DINOSAUR?
WAKE UP, AMERICA! SOROS IS A SOCIALIST! WE'RE BECOMING SWEDEN!
WAS THE DINOSAUR A GEORGE-O-SAURUS?
IT EATS YOUR MONEY.
RELAX. IT'S SOROS, NOT SAURUS, HE'S A GUY, NOT A DINOSAUR.
HE EATS MONEY?
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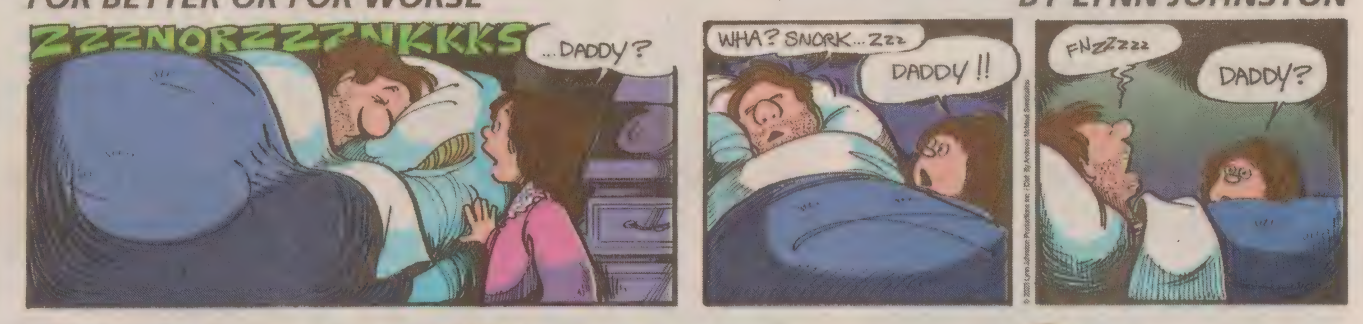
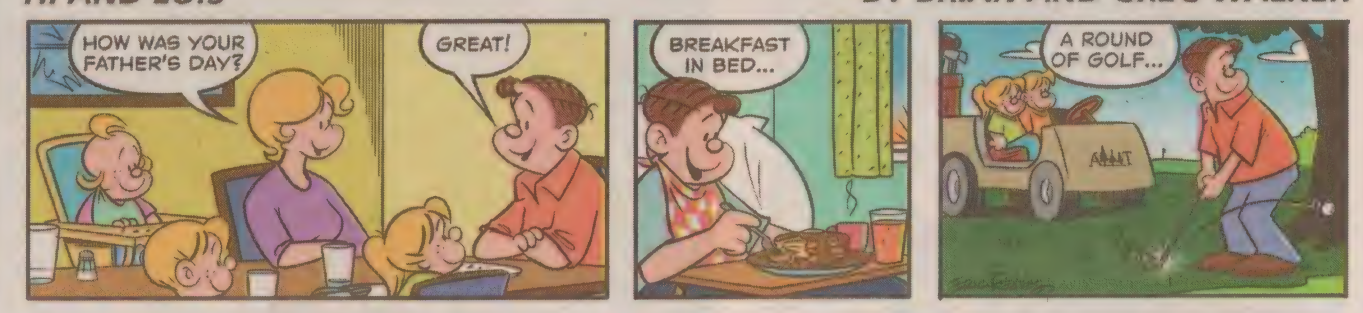
BUCKY, TURN OFF THE RADIO WHEN YOU'RE DONE, YOUR A.M. TALKSHOWS ARE FREAKING SATCHEL OUT.
THE TRUTH IS INDEED CONFUSING TO YOU DEMOCRATS.
DID YOU KNOW THE WORD "DEMOCRAT" COMES FROM THE GREEK WORDS "DEMO," MEANING EXPERIMENTAL, AND "CRAT," A SHORTENED FORM OF "CRANIATE," MEANING "HAVE A BRAIN."
darb
MM-HM.
SO YOU GUYS ARE LITERALLY GREEK EXPERI-MENTALS.
I'M A LIBERAL.
OK, THAT'S "LIER BERET." FRENCH.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE — BY LYNN JOHNSTON



HI AND LOIS — BY BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



DOONESBURY — BY GARRY TRUDEAU

SAM? DINNER!
GOTTA GO, GUYS. GOOD GAME.
THANKS, SAM!
SEE YA!
SAM?
DAD?
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ANY UPDATES ON THE JOB FRONT? IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DAD? I'M ON MY THIRD JOB!
FORTNITE
YOU ARE?
I'VE BEEN AN INFLU-ENCER, A CREATIVE, AND NOW A STREAM-ER ON TWITCH! MY CAREER IS ON FIRE!
OH... WE HAD NO IDEA...
THAT'S WHY I'M ALREADY STARTING TO GIVE BACK!
GIVE BACK? TO WHO?
THE KIDS I MENTOR? HELLO? THEY JUST LEFT!

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ARN HAS TAKEN A GREAT RISK. A WOMAN HAS PLEADED FOR HIS HELP, AND HE HAS ACCOMPANIED HER TO A LONELY COTTAGE. DESCENDING INTO A SECRET CHAMBER, HE IS CONFRONTED BY A HUGE SAXON WITH A SWORD!
CURSING HIS GULLIBLE NATURE, THE DISGUISED KNIGHT DRAWS HIS OWN SWORD AND LUNGES AT THE MAN...
...WHO BLOCKS THE DESCENDING BLOW WITH GREAT POWER...
...AND THROWS HIS LIGHTER OPPONENT SPRAWLING BACKWARD.
ARN CATCHES HIMSELF QUICKLY, BUT BEFORE HE CAN AGAIN ENGAGE, CAITRIN HAS THROWN HERSELF BETWEEN THE COMBATANTS.
"STOP! STOP IT!" SHE TURNS TO THE SAXON: "THIS WARRIOR IS NOT OF GWYNEDD, AND HE OFFERS TO HELP US!" AND THEN TO ARN: "THIS MAN IS MY HUSBAND, AND HAS LIVED HERE SINCE LONG BEFORE DIALYODD BEGAN THE KILLING!"
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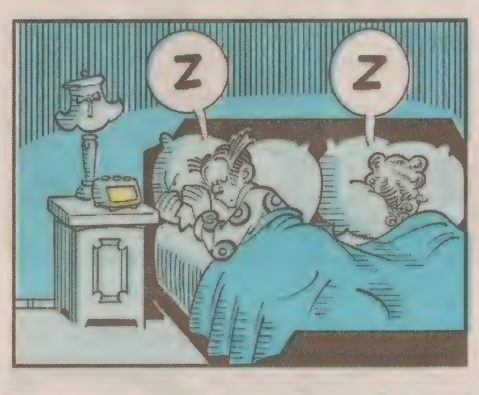
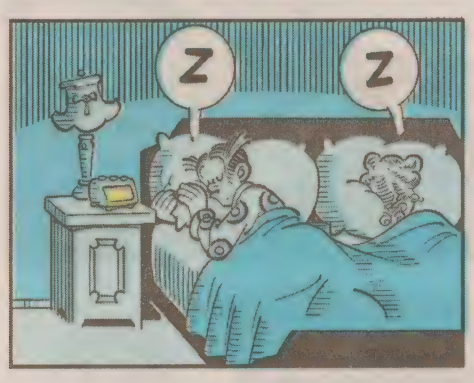
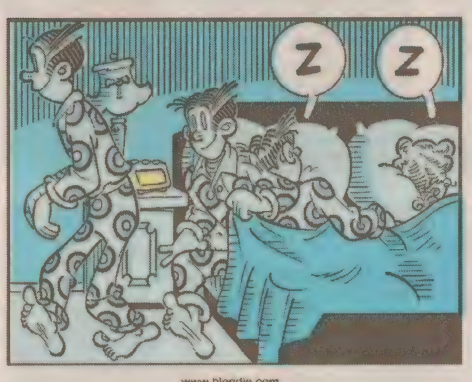
BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL







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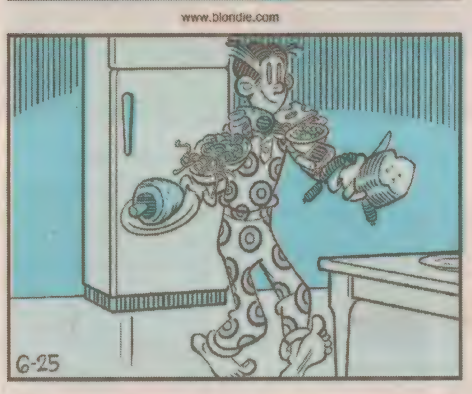

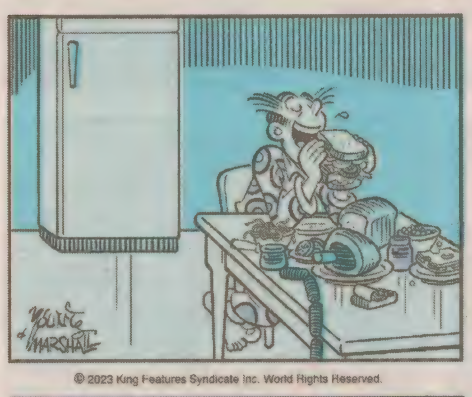

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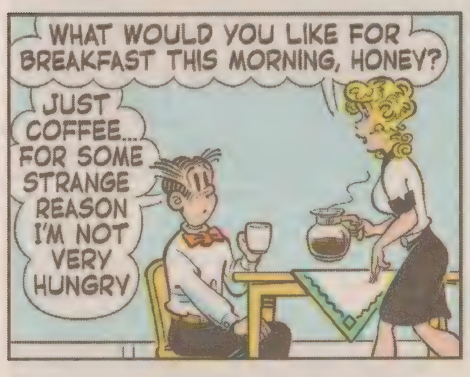

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

I LOVE FRED AND GINGER FILMS!
ME TOO!
THEY REMIND ME OF THE FIRST TIME WE WENT DANCING!
REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME?
YOU SAID I DANCED JUST LIKE FRED.
I MEANT FRED FLINTSTONE.

TANK McNAMARA

BY BILL HINDS

SON, THIS IS THE BEST CHEESEBURGER I EVER SANK MY TEETH INTO.
I BASTED IT WITH MY SECRET TASTY, TANGY TAILGATE SAUCE.
WELL, BOTTLE IT UP, AND I'LL TAKE SOME WITH ME.
DAD, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT VEGAS GETTING A BASEBALL TEAM?
IT'S TIME TO ENSHRINE THE BEST PLAYER WHO EVER STEPPED ONTO A BASEBALL FIELD.
C'MON, DAD. HAVING A TEAM IN LAS VEGAS WON'T CHANGE THE REASON PETE ROSE WAS BANNED FROM THE HALL OF FAME.
CHARLIE HUSTLE NEVER BET AGAINST HIS TEAM!
SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE COMPULSIVE GAMBLER.
A TRUE GAMBLER IS NOT A CHEATER.
OKAY, OKAY. IN HONOR OF FATHER'S DAY, I WILL AGREE WITH ANYTHING YOU SAY.
REALLY? YOU AGREE PETE SHOULD GO IN?
FOR THE REST OF THE DAY, I AM WITH YOU.
BOTTLE THAT UP FOR ME TOO.

SPEED BUMP

BY DAVE COVERLY

SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE

YAY!
YAY!!!
YAAAAAY!!!
YAAAAAAAAAAAAY!!!
DAD, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SET THE MOOD. WE'RE ALREADY HAPPY IT'S FATHER'S DAY.
OH. IT'S JUST THAT NO ONE WAS SAYING ANYTHING.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE ALREADY CHEERING WHEN WE CAME INTO THE KITCHEN.
WE COULD HEAR YOU CHEERING FROM UPSTAIRS.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN CHEERING, TED?
KEEFE
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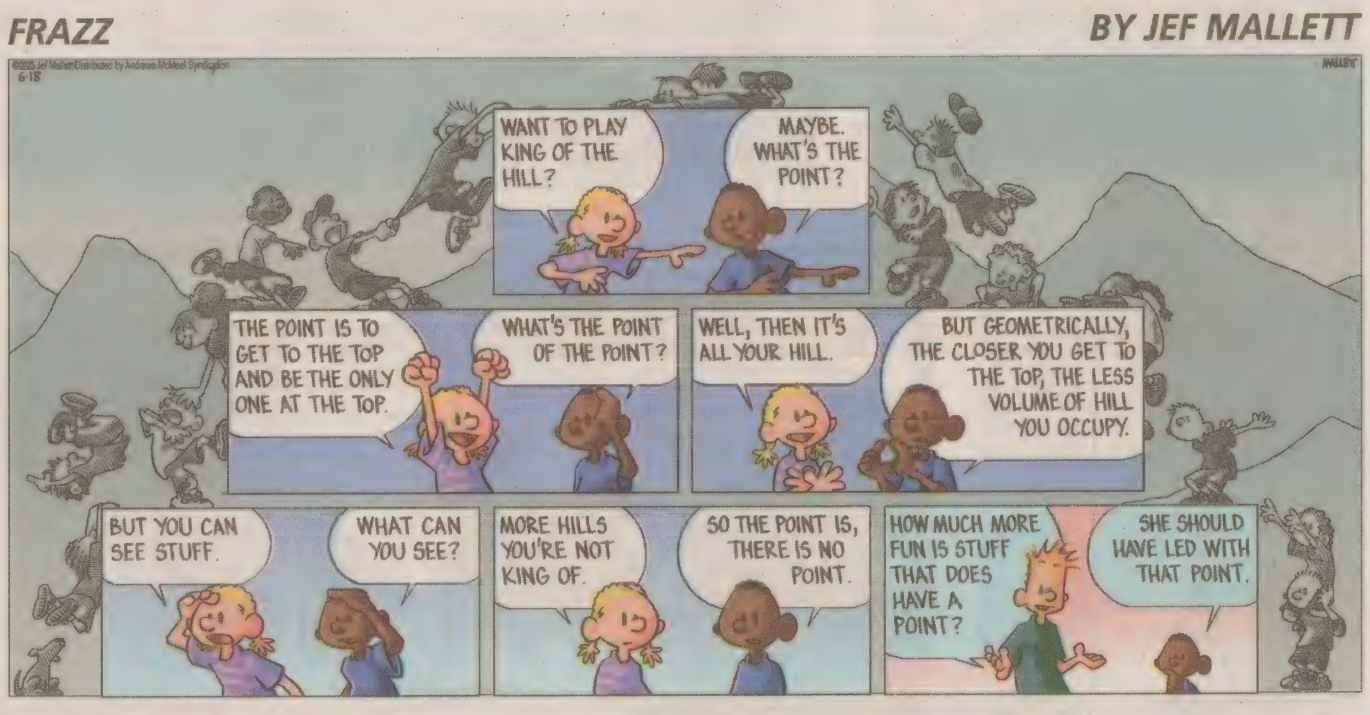
FRAZZ

BY JEF MALLETT


WANT TO PLAY KING OF THE HILL?
MAYBE. WHAT'S THE POINT?
THE POINT IS TO GET TO THE TOP AND BE THE ONLY ONE AT THE TOP.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THE POINT?
WELL, THEN IT'S ALL YOUR HILL.
BUT GEOMETRICALLY, THE CLOSER YOU GET TO THE TOP, THE LESS VOLUME OF HILL YOU OCCUPY.
BUT YOU CAN SEE STUFF.
WHAT CAN YOU SEE?
MORE HILLS YOU'RE NOT KING OF.
SO THE POINT IS, THERE IS NO POINT.
HOW MUCH MORE FUN IS STUFF THAT DOES HAVE A POINT?
SHE SHOULD HAVE LED WITH THAT POINT.
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The FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
GUEST ARTIST BILLY (AGE 7) DEPICTS HOW DADDY DRAWS A FAMILY CIRCUS CARTOON.
Gets drawing paper and pencil
Tries to think of an idea
Tries to dream up an idea on the couch
Stares out window
Maybe reading a book will help
Food always helps him think
Still can't think of anything
Suddenly an idea strikes!
Here, Billy's let's see what you can do.
Son Billy does a GREAT job
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FRANK AND ERNEST

I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO MASTER GOLF.
I'VE READ A LOT OF BOOKS ABOUT GOLF...
WATCHED A LOT OF GOLF VIDEOS...
AND I TOOK LESSONS FROM A GOLF PRO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE NONE OF THOSE THINGS HELPED.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT!

THE BORN LOSER®

by Art & Chip Sansom

AS WE DISCUSSED, I REVISED OUR REGULAR GROCERY SHOPPING LIST TO COUNTER THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION,
I REMOVED ANY NONESSENTIAL ITEMS WE HAVE BEEN BUYING,
IT SHOULD RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS! HERE, TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I CROSSED OFF.
LET'S SEE... CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER CRUNCH CEREAL, PISTACHIOS, ROOT BEER...
EXTRA MOVIE THEATER BUTTER MICROWAVE POPCORN, TUBBY HUBBY ICE CREAM, MINI BEEF AND BACON FROZEN PIZZAS...
WAIT A MINUTE! WHY ARE ALL THE ITEMS YOU CROSSED OFF OUR SHOPPING LIST THINGS I LIKE?

MARMADUKE

BY BRAD & PAUL ANDERSON

WOOF RUFF WOOF
THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME. NOW STAY OUTSIDE FOR A WHILE.
WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF
THAT'S IT. NOW STAY INSIDE.
I SAID THAT'S IT. YOU'RE STAYING INSIDE!
CRASH!
MARMADUKE'S GAME. MARMADUKE'S RULES.

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JOHN REITER'S DOG, FREDDY, HAS HIS DINNER ROUTINE DOWN. WHEN FREDDY HEARS HIS DINNER DISH BEING PREPARED, HE GRABS A BALL, RUSHES UPSTAIRS AND PLAYS FRANTICALLY. THEN FREDDY RUSHES DOWNSTAIRS AND CHOWS DOWN. EXERCISE FIRST, THEN EAT!

CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON

XYBORG-37Z FAMILY THERAPIST
AT TIMES I JUST FEEL OVERWHELMED BY NEW TECHNOLOGY, DOC. PEOPLE ARE OBSESSED WITH THEIR PHONES, MEETINGS ARE ON ZOOM, DRONES ARE FLYING ALL OVER...
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ROSE IS ROSE

BY PAT BRADY & DON WIMMER

WHEW!
TAKE YOUR TIME, DADDY! I'LL WAIT FOR YOU!
NO...KEEP GOING, PASQUALE...
I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU!
THAT WAS QUICK!
DOWNSIZING HELPED WITH MY MOBILITY!

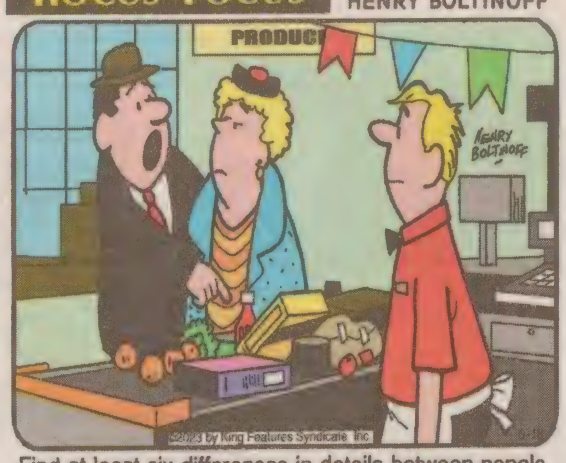
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

WISE ASS ON THE HILL
HELP ME, GREAT WISE ASS.
TO DO WHAT?
TO NOT BE SO AFRAID. I SPEND EVERY MOMENT IN FEAR OF EVERYTHING.
TO WHAT END?
TO BE SAFE.
TO DO WHAT?
TO LIVE LONGER.
TO LIVE LONGER WHY?
TO HAVE MORE YEARS ON THIS EARTH!
TO SPEND MORE TIME AFRAID?
FEAR IS STUPID.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

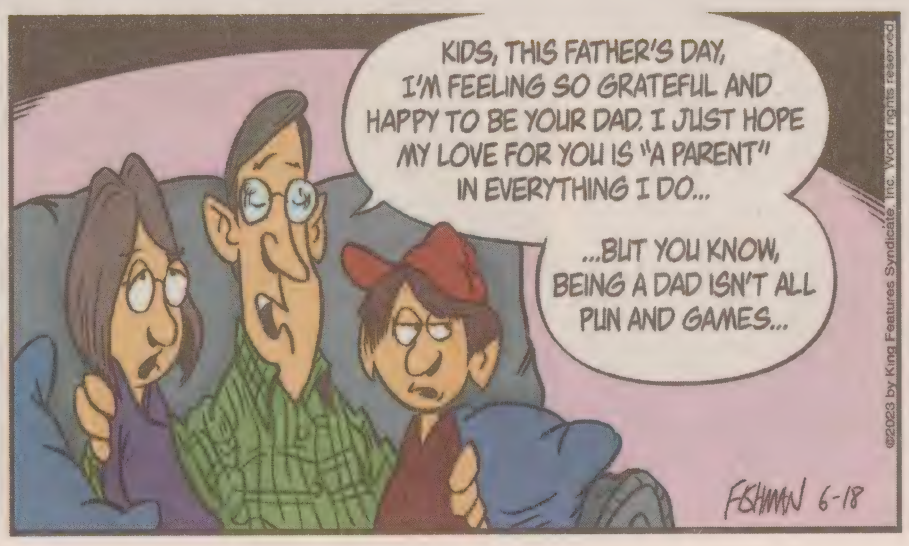


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hat is larger. 2. Apron bow is smaller. 3. Sign is smaller. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Lapel is different. 6. Hand is moved.

Mallard Fillmore

by Bruce Tinsley with Loren Fishman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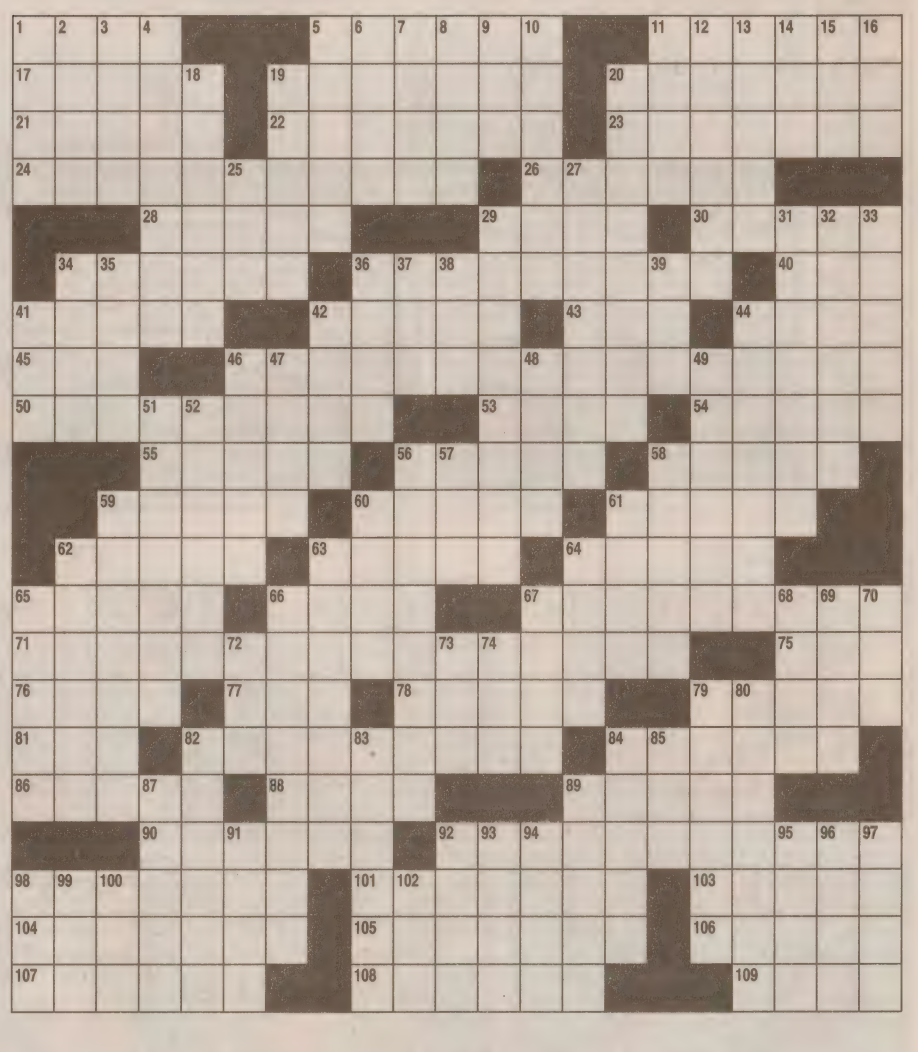
New York Times Crossword

NUMBER THEORY

BY SAM EZERSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sam Ezersky is the digital puzzles editor at The Times. A "puzzlehead" since childhood, he sold his first crossword to the paper, a Saturday, when he was 17. His job at The Times includes testing/fact-checking the daily Mini crossword and curating the daily digital Spelling Bee. This puzzle started when he noticed a curious property of 26-Across. — W.S.



ACROSS

1 "Consarn it!"
5 Kind of case in grammar
11 Shed some pounds
17 Edited, in a way
19 Sister channel of HBO
20 What the answer at 26-Across is written in
21 Low-level, as a class
22 Question that might be asked when hurrying into a meeting
23 Duty for a property owner
24 Relative of marmalade
26 FIFTEEN
28 Oval Office V.I.P.
29 Transition point
30 Period preceding a school break
34 What the answer at 45-Across is written in
36 "Yes, captain"
40 Gaping opening
41 Willem of "John Wick"
42 Toward the stern
43 Howe'er
44 Chicago mayor Lightfoot
45 ELEVEN
46 Whom Harry Potter frees from serving Draco Malfoy's family
50 Spicy, crunchy snack tidbit
53 "Ars Amatoria" writer
54 Area the Chinese call Xizang
55 "Make sense?"
56 Hell
58 Square up with
59 & 60 Take control after a coup
61 SIXTEEN
62 "Just ____ boy, born and raised in South Detroit" (lyric from "Don't Stop Believin'")
63 Specks
64 Sleep: Prefix
65 Not quite right
66 Full of tension
67 "Hallelujah, praise the Lord!"
71 Because
75 TWO
76 Cozy spots to stop
77 Miss in the future, maybe
78 Buzz source
79 Cocktail specification
81 Fictional creature made from slime
82 Restaurant handouts for calorie counters
84 What the answer at 61-Across is written in
86 Final authority
88 Rainbows, e.g.
89 Flour filter
90 & 92 Alternative title for this puzzle
98 On-the-go sort
10 1It's SW of Erie, Pa.
103 See 106-Across
104 What the answer at 75-Across is written in
105 Life lessons?
106 With 103-Across, character in Episodes I through IX of "Star Wars"
107 Millennial, informally
108 Things passed between the legs?
109 "Butt out!"

DOWN

1 Title host of radio's first major quiz show
2 Contact-lens-care brand
3 Broadway opening
4 Declare for the draft, say
5 Items that, ironically, contain nickel
6 "Slumdog Millionaire" co-star ____ Kapoor
7 Be a snitch
8 Wishy-washy R.S.V.P.
9 Plant holder?
10 Funeral ceremony
11 Go across
12 Soldier on horseback
13 Word before card or fund
14 Sloan School of Management sch.
15 Team ____
16 Major Southwest hub, for short
18 In store
19 Like some New Orleans cooking
20 Sloppy
25 Letter in the classical spelling of "Athena"
27 "Here's something that'll help"
29 Some battery ends
31 Amorphous creatures
32 Dreaded musician of the 1960s-'70s
33 Brisk
34 Luxurious affair
35 Symbols of failure
36 1974 Eurovision winner that went on to international stardom
37 "Wahoo!"
38 Immature stage of a salamander
39 Letters of credit?
41 Drops on the ground?
42 "Not on ____!"
44 Where Wagner was born and Bach died
46 Scatterbrained
47 Man's name that sounds like two consecutive letters of the alphabet
48 At any time
49 Oktoberfest vessels
51 Some unfair hiring managers
52 "Go ahead," in Shakespeare
56 Openly controversial opinions
57 Knock out
58 Invoice directive
59 Like most medical-journal articles
60 High hairstyle
61 Club ____
62 Egypt's "king of the gods"
63 Excellent conductors
64 N.Y.C. neighborhood near NoLIta
65 "Ciao"
66 Put in jeopardy
67 Muscle cars of the '60s
68 Lyrical, as poetry
69 Facetious response to a verbal jab
70 "E.T." actress Wallace
72 "Ugh, stop talking already!"
73 Sack
74 Sun ____, "The Art of War" philosopher
79 Where most of America's gold is mined
80 Like the presidency of John Adams
82 Joint
83 Longtime Eagles QB Donovan
84 Suspect
85 Bible study: Abbr.
87 With a wink
89 Kisses, in Cambridge
91 Brown
92 Bring (out) for display
93 Candy wrapped in a tube
94 "I'll come to you ____": Macbeth
95 Eensy-weensy
96 New pedometer reading
97 Beginner, in modern lingo
98 Mammoth
99 Western tribe
100 ____ Salvador
102 What will happily sell its Soul?

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by DAVID OUELLET

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SOLUTION: 8 LETTERS

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S	R	P	N	A	D	O	R	E	P	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	A	T	E
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B	R	T	N	O	G	S	E	K	O	J	E	A	L	R	S	T	S	E	B
U	A	Y	H	S	S	R	E	R	I	M	D	A	L	B	R	A	V	E	L
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C	O	M	P	A	S	S	I	O	N	A	T	E	U	S	L	T	E	E	S
K	N	Y	M	P	R	C	Y	L	A	P	A	P	R	M	S	R	C	G	N
T	G	E	O	E	E	L	E	A	R	N	R	D	R	D	E	U	U	A	O
I	S	R	H	R	I	V	A	L	U	E	D	A	E	O	L	N	E	R	P
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F	A	F	T	E	R	S	H	A	V	E	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	R

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CLUES

Admire	Devoted	Loving	Share
Adore	Dinner	Lunch	Slippers
Aftershave	Family	Memory	Sons
Appreciate	Father's Day	Mentor	Special
Barbecue	Fearless	Necktie	Sports
Best	Funny	Nurture	Stepdad
Bond	Games	Papa	Strong
Brave	Gifts	Parent	Superhero
Card	Handsome	Patient	Supportive
Caregiver	Handy	Positive	Talks
Celebrate	Happy	Praise	Team
Children	Honor	Present	Travel
Compassionate	Hugs	Protect	Tribute
Courageous	Jokes	Proud	Trust
Daddy	June	Provide	Valued
Daughter	Knowledgeable	Responsible	Wallet
Dedicated	Learn	Role Model	
Dependable	Loved	Rules	

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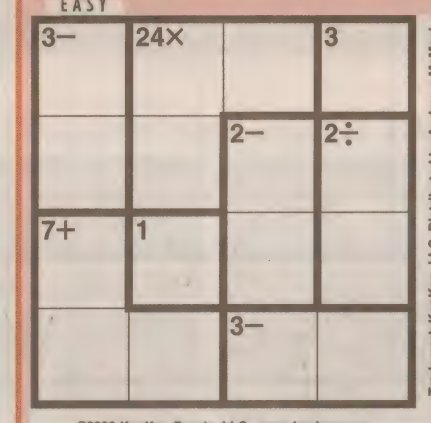

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1. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

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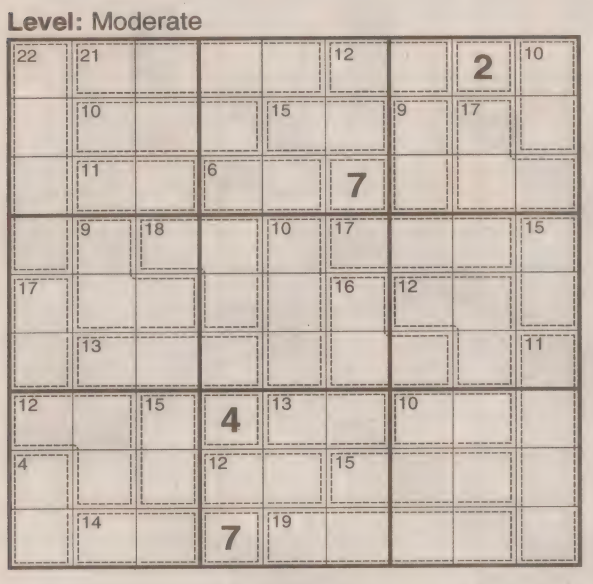
New York Times Crossword solution

Puzzles

Killer Sudoku / Sunday

Fill the empty squares so each row , column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9.

Level: Moderate



Sudoku / Monday

			7					
5		3	8			6	9	7
		8						
9	8		3			7	4	
2								
	6	1			2		3	8
						2		
1	2	7			6	4		5
					8			

Tuesday

8	6			9		2	5	
							3	
		5						9
	9		7	5			2	
			9		6			
	7			4	8		6	
3						8		
	2							
	1	9		2		4	7	5

Jumble / Sunday

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words. Answers are on the next page.

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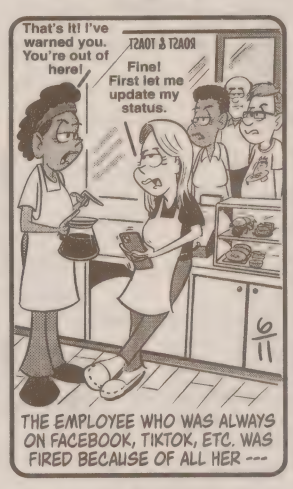
UCONKL

TOSHMO

LIDAMS

BLGOEB

DAHWOS



THE EMPLOYEE WHO WAS ALWAYS ON FACEBOOK, TIKTOK, ETC. WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF ALL HER ---

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

" "

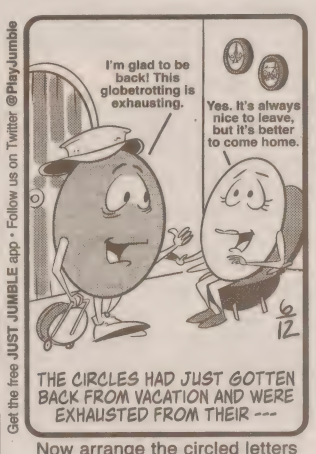
Monday

PRAHG

NORHO

RTYEUK

DIDEIV



THE CIRCLES HAD JUST GOTTEN BACK FROM VACATION AND WERE EXHAUSTED FROM THEIR ---

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Answer here:

Tuesday

NUHOD

YUGNO

RYTOSM

DCATEH

WHEN HER FRIEND SAID HE WAS NOW WORKING AS A MIME, SHE SAID ---

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Conceptos Sudoku / Wednesday

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9	8			7	1	5		4
	1	5						
	9		2					
2			3		9			1
					4		7	
	3	6				2	5	
8		1	9	2			4	7

Thursday

	4						9	5
		3			7			
6		2		5		3		
4			1					9
		9	3		5	2		
3					4			6
		6		3		5		1
			2			6		
7	1						2	

Friday

7		2						4
8			2	1		7		3
							9	
			1		7			
	4	1		8		9	7	
			3		2			
	5							
4		8		7	9			5
2						8		9

Jumble / Wednesday

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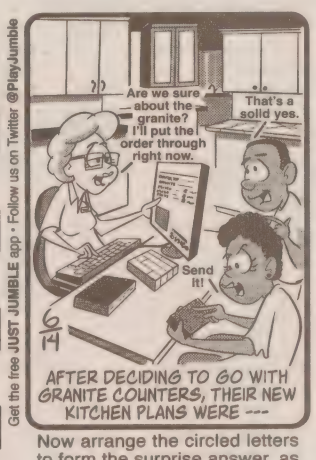
SMYES

TNYER

VITAEN

LITOVE



AFTER DECIDING TO GO WITH GRANITE COUNTERS, THEIR NEW KITCHEN PLANS WERE ---

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Ans. here:

Thursday

EBTER

COEVI

SLNMOA

TULIDE

He was positive? He drives me batty.
afraid of the dark when we were kids.
Smile, Uncle Vlad!
You know we're not showing up in that, right?
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DRACULA WENT TO HIS FAMILY REUNION AND WAS SURROUNDED BY HIS ---

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Friday

BTEAA

EESSN

ULMEMP

WIOSDN

FOR ISAAC SINGER, GETTING INTO THE SEWING MACHINE BUSINESS ---

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Sudoku solutions

Sunday

4	9	1	3	8	5	7	2	6
5	7	2	1	9	6	8	3	4
6	8	3	2	4	7	1	5	9
7	1	4	6	2	3	5	9	8
9	3	5	8	1	4	2	6	7
8	2	6	5	7	9	3	4	1
2	6	7	4	5	8	9	1	3
1	4	8	9	3	2	6	7	5
3	5	9	7	6	1	4	8	2

Monday

6	9	2	7	1	3	8	5	4
5	1	3	8	2	4	6	9	7
4	7	8	6	5	9	3	2	1
9	8	5	3	6	1	7	4	2
2	3	4	5	8	7	9	1	6
7	6	1	4	9	2	5	3	8
8	4	9	1	7	5	2	6	3
1	2	7	9	3	6	4	8	5
3	5	6	2	4	8	1	7	9

Tuesday

8	6	1	3	9	7	2	5	4
9	4	7	5	8	2	1	3	6
2	3	5	1	6	4	7	8	9
4	9	6	7	5	1	3	2	8
1	8	2	9	3	6	5	4	7
5	7	3	2	4	8	9	6	1
3	5	4	6	7	9	8	1	2
7	2	8	4	1	5	6	9	3
6	1	9	8	2	3	4	7	5

Wednesday

9	8	2	6	7	1	5	3	4
6	1	5	4	3	2	7	9	8
3	4	7	8	9	5	1	2	6
1	9	4	2	6	7	3	8	5
2	7	8	3	5	9	4	6	1
5	6	3	1	8	4	9	7	2
7	2	9	5	4	6	8	1	3
4	3	6	7	1	8	2	5	9
8	5	1	9	2	3	6	4	7

Thursday

8	4	1	6	2	3	7	9	5
9	5	3	8	1	7	4	6	2
6	7	2	4	5	9	3	1	8
4	6	5	1	7	2	8	3	9
1	8	9	3	6	5	2	7	4
3	2	7	9	8	4	1	5	6
2	9	6	7	3	8	5	4	1
5	3	4	2	9	1	6	8	7
7	1	8	5	4	6	9	2	3

Friday

7	6	2	9	3	8	5	1	4
8	9	4	2	1	5	7	6	3
5	1	3	7	6	4	2	9	8
9	2	5	1	4	7	3	8	6
3	4	1	5	8	6	9	7	2
6	8	7	3	9	2	4	5	1
1	5	9	8	2	3	6	4	7
4	3	8	6	7	9	1	2	5
2	7	6	4	5	1	8	3	9

Saturday

9	6	1	7	2	4	8	5	3
8	4	3	9	1	5	7	2	6
5	7	2	8	3	6	1	9	4
7	2	4	6	9	8	5	3	1
3	8	9	1	5	7	4	6	2
1	5	6	2	4	3	9	8	7
6	9	7	3	8	1	2	4	5
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L.A. Times crossword solution

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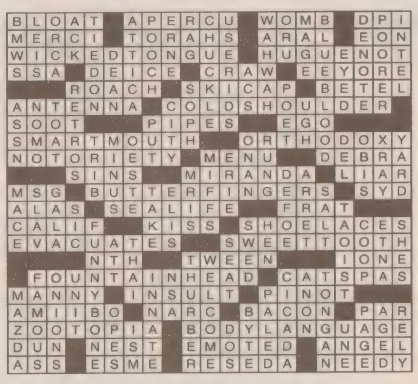

Puzzles

Sudoku / Saturday

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9			7	2	4			
		3						
5			8					
7	2			9		5		1
	8		1		7		6	
		6		4			8	7
					1			5
						3		
			5	7	2			9

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Jumble / Saturday

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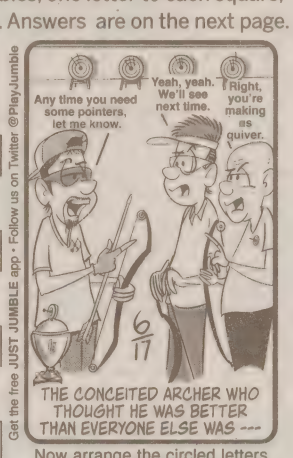
TUOAQ

NLAKP

WHROGT

SENORM


Any time you need some pointers, let me know.
Yeah, yeah. We'll see next time.
Right, you're making as quiver.
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THE CONCEITED ARCHER WHO THOUGHT HE WAS BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE WAS ---

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Answer here: " ○○○○○ - ○○○○ "

7 Little Words

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 treat from Krispy Kreme (8)	
2 time in power (5)	
3 Venezuelan slugger Cabrera (6)	
4 pave the way for (10)	
5 like energy from the sun (5)	
6 wail (6)	
7 small crown (5)	

UT	NT	RE	UG	MIG
LI	UEL	HN	TA	ME
FA	LA	IGN	TE	CI
TIA	LAR	RA	DO	SO

Today's Answers: 1. DOUGHNUT 2. REIGN 3. MIGUEL 4. FACILITATE 5. SOLAR 6. LAMENT 7. TIARA

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Cryptoquip No. 1 **E equals S**

PQ CKFLZEEZE EFGTZ CTY OCFEGT OZLZ EFCLE GQ EGCX GXZLCE, ENGDBY JGD KCBB FNZR. YCJFPRZ ZRRCE?

Cryptoquip No. 2 **A equals G**

UGTD VGT LRWQBT NVZJVTH Z NFJLJQNT QDBFJNQRD, ZD RXXQBTJ QD VJZQDQDA UTDV ZWRDA XRJ VGT JZQH.

Cryptoquip No. 3 **W equals G**

B GEJ ZNXG E TSHJDFYNV QDFBSJ SY ONBDA, JDDQ FDYVDXABSH AGBZ USFHBHW. BA TEZ ONBAD E UNZBHW.

Cryptoquip No. 4 **T equals H**

PWMGBZW LTW LQN GHXCNXL CGLXNSZ QWXW CBPOHMOF ZBDDNSWJ LNEWLTWX, LTWF QWXW NS LTW ZGDW CGEW.

Cryptoquip No. 5 **T equals C**

HW TGHTONM HV DNWDHENDZ-RNL UNWQDN SNZR HV RZONM WDQS RGN VONPNRQM, HV HR TGHPPNL RQ LNUQMN?

Cryptoquip solutions

No. 1: If actresses Stone and Watson were stars of soap operas, should you call them daytime Emmas?

No. 2: When the police started a surprise incursion, an officer in training went along for the raid.

No. 3: I had such a wonderful period of quiet, deep reflection this morning. It was quite a musing.

No. 4: Because the two airport patrons were publicly summoned together, they were on the same page.

No. 5: If chicken is refrigerated before meat is taken from the skeleton, is it chilled to deboned?

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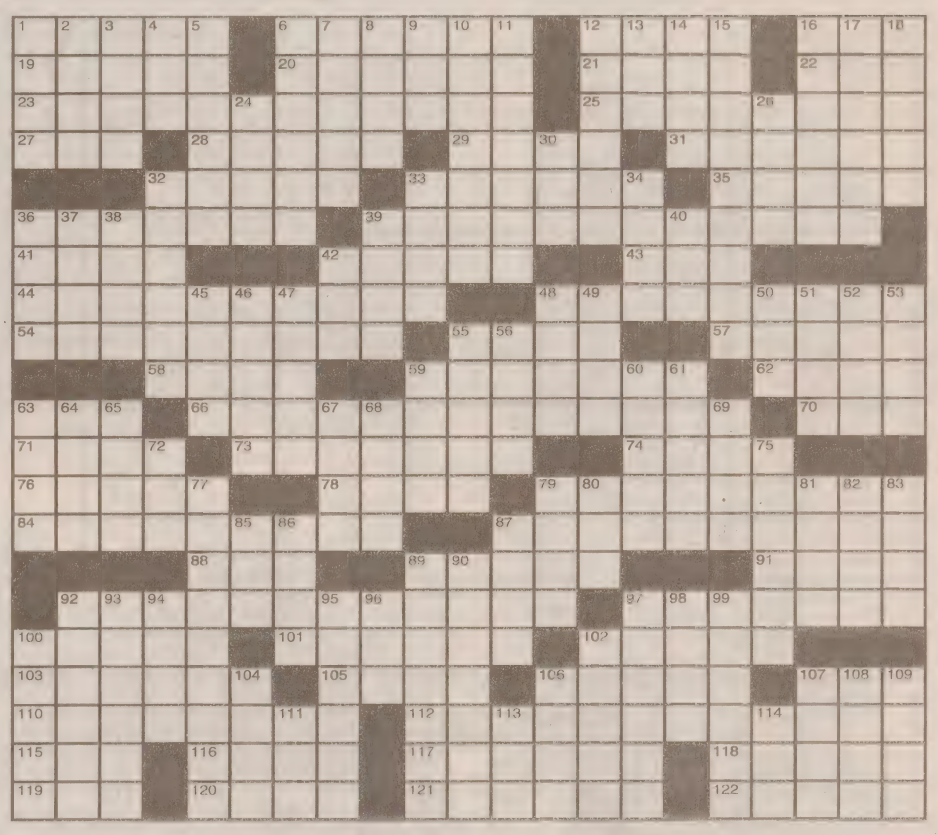


Human Resources
By Susy Christiansen & Doug Peterson

Across

1 Puff up
6 Brief survey
12 Gestation location
16 Printer spec.
19 Word of thanks
20 Holy scrolls
21 Former sea in Central Asia
22 Geologic age
23 *Witch's dialect?
25 French Calvinist of the 16th and 17th centuries
27 Fed. benefits agency
28 Unfreeze, as a plane's wing
29 Avian crop
31 Kid-lit character who says, "It's not much of a tail, but I'm sort of attached to it"
32 Jazz drummer Max
33 Slopes headgear
35 __ nut chewing
36 Insect appendage
39 *Snowman's joint?
41 Chimney residue
42 Organ array
43 Psych 101 topic
44 *Rocket scientist's trap?
48 Accepted doctrine
54 Unfavorable renown
55 Bill of fare
57 Messing of "Will & Grace"
58 Breaks a commandment
59 "Hamilton" creator
62 Teller of tall tales
63 Umami source, briefly
66 *Baker's digits?
70 "Danny and the Dinosaur" writer Hoff
71 "Woe is me!"
73 Marine creatures
74 Greek campus group
76 Ariz. neighbor
78 Smooch
79 Sneaker strings
84 Withdraws to safety
87 *Gingerbread man's chomper?
88 Ultimate degree
89 Preadolescent
91 Actress Skye
92 *Soda jerk's noggin?
97 Feline grooming sites
100 Outfielder Ramirez who won two World Series with the Red Sox
101 Offend
102 Wine grape
103 Game-enhancing toy by Nintendo
105 Traffic blocker?
106 BLT part
107 Golfer's goal
110 Oscar-winning film featuring a bunny named Judy Hopps
112 Nonverbal communication, and what can be found in the answers to the starred clues?
115 Pressure for payment
116 Fit together neatly
117 Hammed it up
118 Crèche figure
119 Crèche figure
120 Salinger title heroine
121 L.A. suburb mentioned in Tom Petty's "Free Fallin'"
122 Emotionally demanding

Down

1 Some autobahn autos
2 Luau wreaths
3 Killer whale
4 "Yikes!"
5 Secured, in a way
6 Aegean region that includes Athens
7 Doggie
8 Fish-eating bird
9 Dust cloth
10 Laugh
11 Login handles
12 "Sad trombone" sound
13 Christian sch. in Tulsa
14 2023 Kentucky Derby winner
15 *Smurf's plasma?
16 Mean
17 Not as prosperous
18 Recon acquisition
24 Official at Oberlin, e.g.
26 Gave the once-over
30 Runners in hot weather: Abbr.
32 Auxiliary rockets, for short
33 JV player, perhaps
34 Verse writer
36 Focused gp.
37 1995 NL Rookie of the Year Hideo
38 Perfectly
39 Map dot
40 "That's just nasty"
42 "To __ it mildly!"
45 Chi-Town daily, with "the"
46 Calculator button
47 Left, on un mapa
48 __ annual basis
49 Ladder step
50 Argentine tennis player Juan Mart'n __ Potro
51 Silk ties
52 __ vision
53 Cloth measure
55 Annoys a little
56 Empire State canal
59 Diagnostic pics
60 "Moll Flanders" author
61 Stop, in Strasbourg
63 Nutmeg spice
64 Balkan native
65 Glitzy gathering
67 Make off with
68 New Haven alumni
69 Tots seasoning
72 [Not my mistake]
75 Disciple of Laotzu
77 *Comic's humerus?
79 Scand. nation
80 81-Down resident
81 Structure with layers?
82 Italian rumbler
83 Billy Joel's "__ Got a Way"
85 NFL stat
86 Asian cuisine with drunken noodles and massaman curry
87 Boarding pass information
89 Walter Mitty creator James
90 Greet warmly
92 Widely known
93 Kitchen bulbs
94 Military group
95 Not learned
96 Wiretapping org.
97 Insect that resembles a locust
98 Soon, poetically
99 Citizen of a Polynesian archipelago
100 Miata maker
102 Grew ashen
104 "See how the morning __ her golden gates": Shakespeare
106 Mega- or giga- ending
107 Leaf (through)
108 On in years
109 Depend (on)
111 Doctrine suffix
113 Tijuana pair
114 French article

Jumble solutions
From previous page

SUNDAY

INJURE SMOOTH GOBBLE UNLOCK DISMAL SHADOW

The employee who was always on Facebook, TikTok, etc. was fired because of all her —

SOCIAL "NOTWORKING"

MONDAY

GRAPH HONOR TURKEY DIVIDE

The circles had just gotten back from vacation and were exhausted from their — ROUND TRIP

TUESDAY

HOUND YOUNG STORMY DETACH

When her friend said he was now working as a mime, she said — YOU DON'T SAY!

WEDNESDAY

MESSY ENTRY NATIVE VIOLET

After deciding to go with granite counters, their new kitchen plans were — SET IN STONE

THURSDAY

BERET VOICE SALMON DILUTE

Dracula went to his family reunion and was surrounded by his — BLOOD RELATIVES

FRIDAY

ABATE SENSE PUMMEL DISOWN

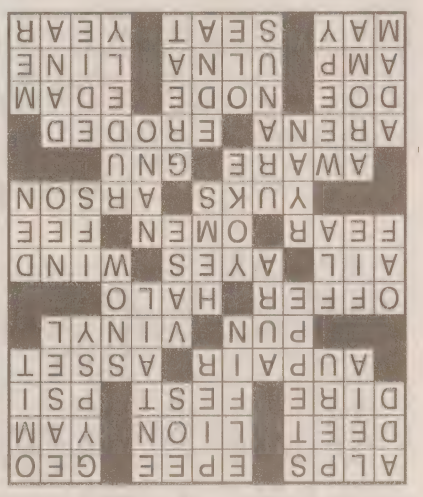
For Isaac Singer, getting into the sewing machine business — "SEAMED" POSSIBLE

SATURDAY

QUOTA PLANK GROWTH SERMON

The conceited archer who thought he was better than everyone else was — "ARROW-GANT"

Crossword

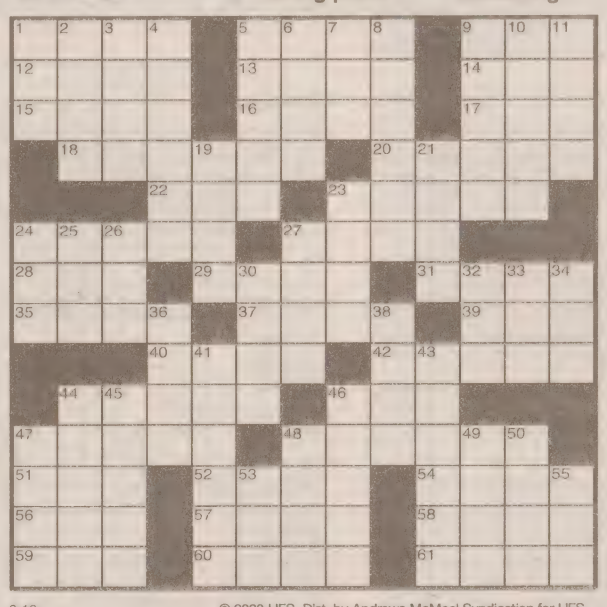


ACROSS

1 Swiss peaks
5 Fencer's weapon
9 Earthy prefix
12 Bug repellent
13 Zodiac beast
14 Orange veggie
15 — Straits
16 Gala
17 Chi follower
18 Nanny from abroad (2 wds.)
20 Liability opposite
22 Wordplay
23 Upholstery choice
24 Volunteer
27 Angel's topper
28 Be ill
29 Certain votes
31 Flag waver?
35 Misgiving
37 Augury
39 Charge
40 Hearty laughs
42 Pyromaniac's crime
44 Tuned in
46 African antelope
47 Sports palace
48 Washed away
51 Female deer
52 Bump
54 Wax-coated cheese
56 Roadie's gear
57 Humerus neighbor
58 Bus route
59 Spring month
60 Pants part
61 Subscription length

DOWN

1 Say further
2 Carrie's "Star Wars" role
3 Lima's land
4 Treeless plain
5 Dainty, perhaps
6 Fishing place
7 Dawn goddess
8 Call for
9 Wanderer
10 Canvas support
11 Drop
19 Certain something
21 Winter blanket?
23 Nosegay holder
24 Clumsy one
25 Hamlet's oath
26 Sunshine st.
27 Garment edges
30 Link
32 Hypotheticals
33 Opposite of "paleo"
34 Rec room
36 Clancy hero Jack —
38 Metric prefix
41 Distant planet
43 In an insolent manner
44 Coffee emanation
45 Tearful
46 Noble
47 Rodin sculpture
48 Ferber or Millay
49 Falco or Sedgwick
50 Andrews or Wynter
53 Pamplona yell
55 Mal de —



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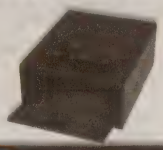

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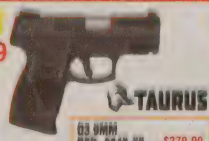

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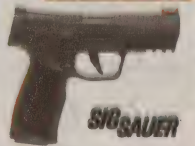

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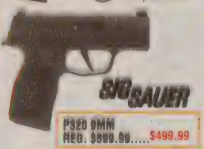

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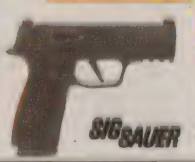

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AXIS II PRECISION VORTEX COMBO REG. $1199.99.....$999.99
ALLEN ECONOMY SOFT GUN CASE REG. TO $14.99.....$10.99

SAVE $130
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GSG-16 SEMI-AUTO 22LR
• Collapsible stock that also serves as an additional magazine storage

SAVE $50
$319.99
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MARK II 22LR OR 17HMR MINIMALIST
• Assortment varies by store

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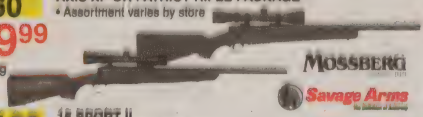

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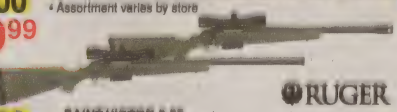

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• 5.56 caliber, semi-auto
• 16" barrel

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SAINT VICTOR 5.56
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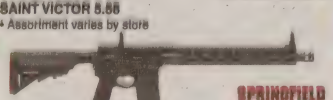

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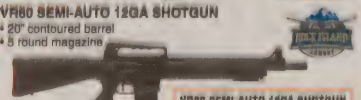
VR80 SEMI-AUTO 12GA SHOTGUN
• 20" contoured barrel
• 5 round magazine



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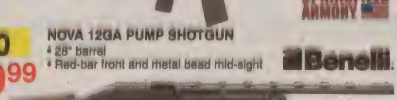
• Red-bar front and metal bead mid-sight



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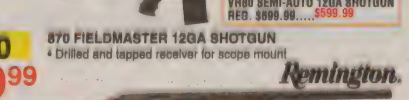

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• 55" x 21" x 16" dimensions
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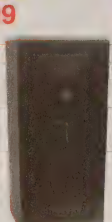

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• 69" x 26" x 20" dimensions
• Stores 24 long guns/4 handguns

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• Stores 36 long guns/6 handguns

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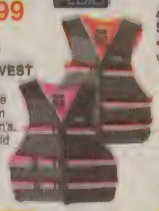

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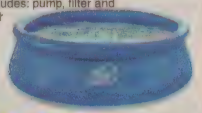

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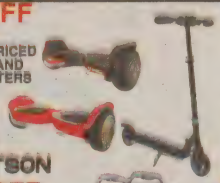

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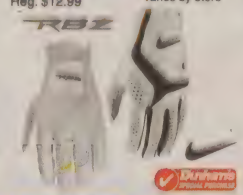

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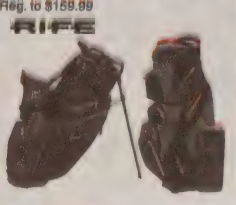

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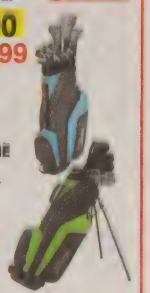

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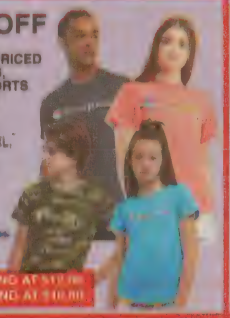

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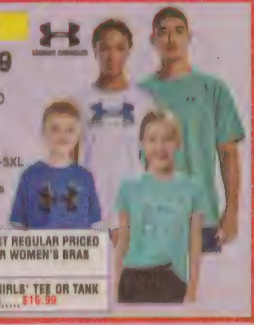

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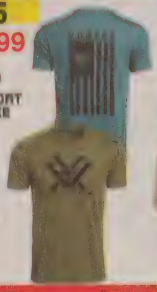

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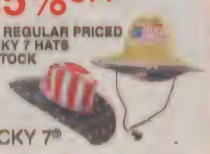

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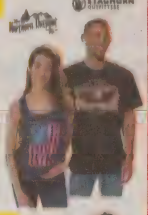

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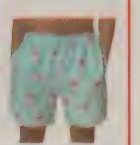

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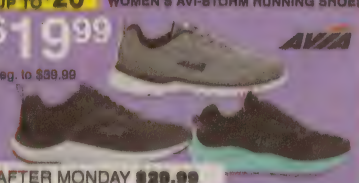

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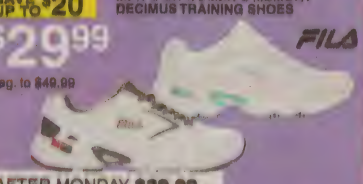

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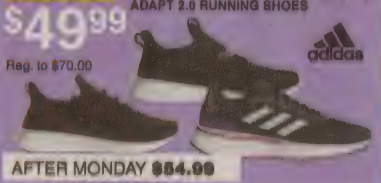

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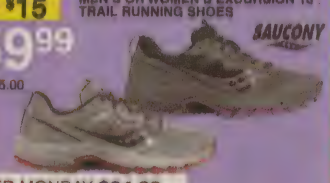

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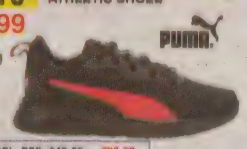

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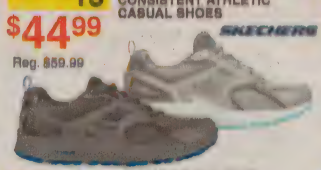

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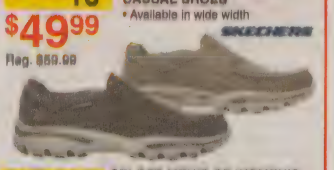

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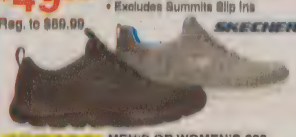

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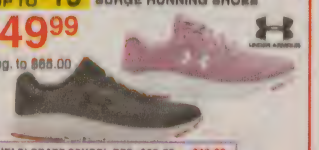

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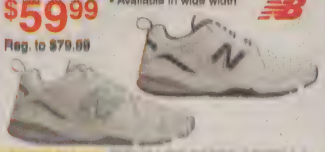

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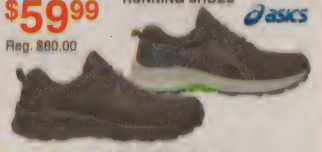

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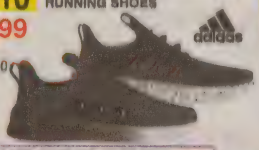

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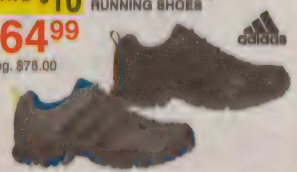

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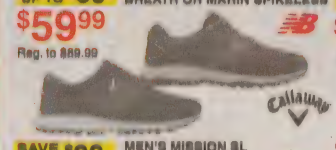

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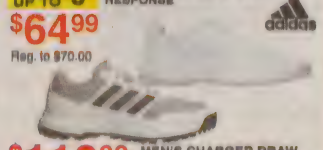

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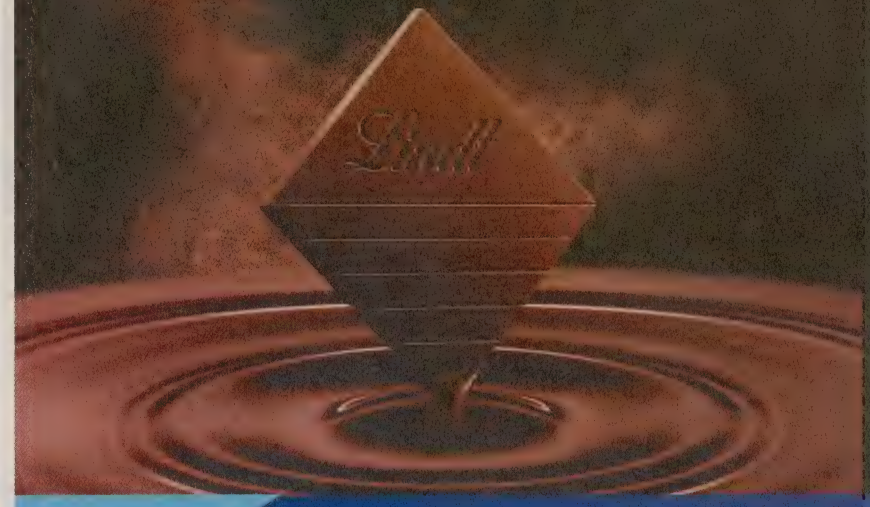

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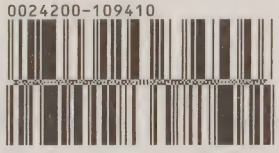

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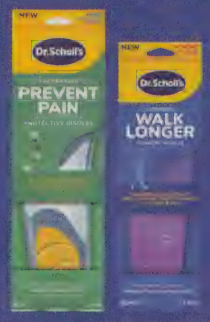

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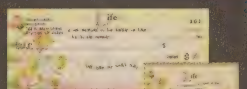

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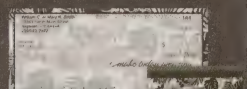

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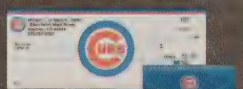

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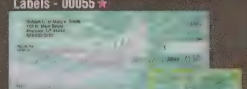

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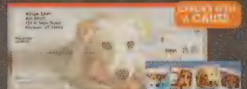

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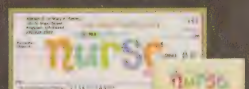

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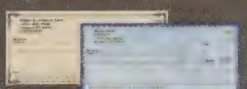

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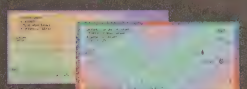

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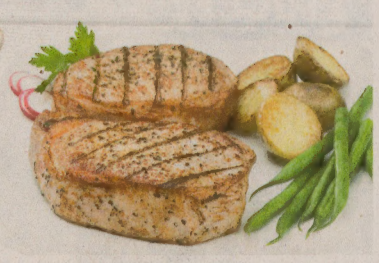

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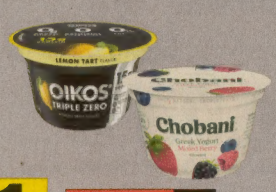

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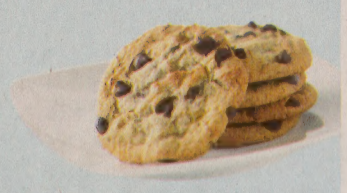

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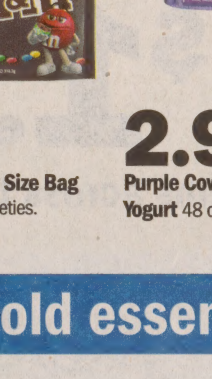

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